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OF THE

First Annual Session

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Burnt Swamp, Robeson Co., N. C.,

January 21st, 22d and 23d, 1881.

Rev. C. WILKINS, MODERATOR, Moss Neck, N. C.
JOHN S. WILKINS, CLERK, Moss Neck, N. C.
GILBERT LOCKLEAR, TREASURER, Lumberton, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 1881.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder F. Prevatt, from Ephesians 5 : 14 : " Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." The 721st hymn was sung, " Am I a soldier of the cross." Prayer was offered by Eld. J. W. Blanks.

After an interval of five minutes, the Association was called to order by singing. The time for organization having arrived,

On motion of Bro. A. Oxendine, Elder C. Wilkins was elected Moderator and J. S. Wilkins, Clerk, temporarily.

Appointed brethren Gilbert Locklear and John J. Bell as a committee of Finance.

The Church Letters were then called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows :

Burnt Swamp.—Elder C. Wilkins, A. Oxendine, Gilbert Locklear, J. S. Wilkins.

Reedy Branch.—John J. Bell, James Jacobs, J. D. Hunt, Alfred Hunt.

Magnolia.—William Canady, Seymore Bell, Dolphin Hardin, Henry Jones.

The Association being organized, on motion the Moderator and Clerk *pro tem*. were elected permanently.

The Association was then opened by singing and prayer. An invitation was then extended to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers : Elds. F. Prevatt and F. A. Prevatt, from the Cape Fear Association, introduced themselves and were welcomed to seats. Also, Eld. W. W. Willis, from Cedar Creek Association, came forward and introduced himself and was welcomed to a seat.

On motion, Bro. Gilbert Locklear was appointed Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed Elds. F. Prevatt, F. A. Prevatt, W. W. Willis, J. W. Blanks and Brethren J. S. Wilkins and William Canady, as a committee to draft a Constitution and Rules of Order for this Association.

The Association, while waiting for the report of the committee, engaged in devotional exercises.

The committee to draft a Constitution and Rules of Order reported as follows:

We, your committee on Constitution and Rules of Order, beg leave to make the following report:

Dear Brethren: We have had the subject under consideration and after deliberating it we have agreed to recommend to this Association the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Cape Fear Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,

F. PREVATT,
F. A. PREVATT,
W. W. WILLIS,
J. W. BLANKS,
J. S. WILKINS,
WM. CANADY,
Committee.

Report received, and Constitution and Rules of Order ordered printed with the minutes.

The Moderator appointed committees on the various subjects, to make report on to-morrow, to-wit:

Domestic Missions.—J. S. Wilkins and Elder J. W. Blanks.

Periodicals.—Elder F. Prevatt.

Sabbath Schools.—Elders W. W. Willis and F. A. Prevatt.

On Order of Business.—Elders F. A. Prevatt and W. W. Willis.

On Evils of Intemperance.—Elder J. W. Blanks and J. S. Wilkins.

On Ordination of Preachers.—Elders C. Wilkins, F. Prevatt and J. W. Blanks.

To Supply the Stand during the Session.—Brethren J. S. Wilkins, Gilbert Locklear and Seymore Bell.

On motion of J. S. Wilkins, the Association adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Eld. F. Prevatt.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1881.

Association met at the appointed hour. Moderator read select portions of Scripture; singing of a hymn; prayer by Bro. J. S. Wilkins.

List of Churches and names of Delegates called.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Invitation to visiting and corresponding messengers renewed, when Brethren F. D. Oldham, Edward Tyner, T. A. Prevatt and Abraham Moore, all from the Cape Fear Association, were welcomed to seats.

Committees appointed on yesterday were called on to report.

Report on Order of Business read, adopted, and ordered appended to the minutes. (See Appendix.)

Report on Evils of Intemperance was read, adopted and ordered appended. (See Appendix.)

Report on Sabbath Schools was read. Remarks by Eld. F. A. Prevatt. Adopted and ordered appended. (See Appendix.)

Report on Periodicals was read. Remarks by Eld. F. Prevatt. Adopted and ordered appended. (See Appendix.)

Report on Ordination of Preachers was read, adopted and ordered appended. (See Appendix.)

Report on Domestic Missions was read. Remarks by Elds. F. Prevatt, F. A. Prevatt and Bro. J. S. Wilkins. Report adopted, and ordered appended. (See Appendix.)

The Association then gave way to the organization of a Domestic Mission Board.

On motion of Bro. A. Oxendine, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That we have a Domestic Mission Board for the purpose of raising funds in our bounds for Home Missions.

Resolved furthermore, That this Board consist of seven members, viz : Elder Cary Wilkins and Brethren J. S. Wilkins, William Canady, Jas. Jacobs, Gilbert Locklear, Seymore Bell and A. Oxendine.

Resolved lastly, That this Board meet in its first annual session Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in February, 1881, at Magnolia church.

On motion, Elder Cary Wilkins was elected Chairman and Bro. J. S. Wilkins Secretary.

The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder F. Prevatt, Elder Cary Wilkins alternate. Services to commence at 11 o'clock.

Association called off for a quarter of an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called on again.

The Association being unnamed as yet, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Association be denominated and known as "The Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Mixed Race," and that the first article of the Constitution shall specify the same.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Elders C. Wilkins and J. W. Blanks act as Corresponding Messengers to Cape Fear and Cedar Creek Associations, informing them of the need of ministerial aid, and also of the orthodoxy of the Burnt Swamp Association; also asking them for ministerial aid.

Resolved, That the next session of this Association be held with Reedy Branch Church, Thursday before the 1st Lord's day in Nov., 1881. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder Cary Wilkins; services to

commence at 11 o'clock. Charity Sermon on Sabbath, to be preached by Elder J. W. Blanks.

Resolved, That Elder F. A. Prevatt preach the Charity Sermon to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Committee to supply the stand announced that Elder J. W. Blanks would address the congregation on to-morrow at 10 o'clock, and Elder C. Wilkins at 11 o'clock.

Treasurer reported. Report received. (See Appendix.)

Agreed that the Clerk have \$3.00 for his services.

Agreed to have as many minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify—the printing to be done at the *Recorder* office.

All unfinished business was referred to the officers of this Association.

The Association then adjourned until time and place next appointed. Singing. Prayer by Elder F. Prevatt.

C. WILKINS, MODERATOR.

J. S. WILKINS, Clerk.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23d, 1881.

The congregation assembled at the church. Elder J. W. Blanks addressed them according to appointment.

At the close, Elder C. Wilkins addressed the congregation and an intermission of 10 minutes was taken.

Congregation was called to order by singing. Elder F. A. Prevatt addressed the congregation from Matt. 28: 19, 20: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

At the close of which a collection was taken for ministerial aid, amounting to \$3.95.

The parting hand was then taken. Thus ended our first annual session, being a pleasant and harmonious one.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Domestic Missions, after consideration, beg leave to make the following report :

The spirit of missions is the very genius of Christianity. It speaks in every command and thrills in every emotion. To convert the whole world to Christianity is the desire of every good Christian. The means of effecting this to a greater or less degree, is found in the great mission spirit which we are in possession of. It follows that if we are in possession of this spirit, the mission work will surely be extended among us as a people, joined together by the ties of Christian affection. We are commanded by the Canon of Eternal Truth to contribute to the support of the Gospel.

Dear Brethren: We recommend that each of us try to create within us a greater spirit for the love of missions. We, your committee, would recommend that this Association be instructed to appoint and properly organize a Domestic Mission Board to work in our bounds in raising funds for missions. We also recommend that our pastors preach more frequently on the subject of missions, and our members to adopt the Scripture plan of giving, viz : Every one of you on the first day of the week, as the Lord prospers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. WILKINS,
J. W. BLANKS,
Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is a reading age and our land is flooded with reading matter, much of which is only evil in its tendency. How important then that we furnish ourselves and families with a sound and healthy religious reading matter, one that will not only be calculated to improve the morals but greatly aid in the study and correct understanding of the Scriptures of Eternal Truth; and at the same time greatly aiding the pastor in the understanding of church government; and also the church in loving and protecting the same.

Such is the *Biblical Recorder*, which we, from a long experience, would most heartily recommend to this Association, as worthy of their patronage. Only \$2 a year, \$1 for six months. Try it.

We also recommend *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga., for aiding Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

F. PREVATT, Chairman.

REPORT ON THE EVILS OF INTEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Evils of Intemperance, submit the following report:

We recommend that this Association discountenance the participation in that alcoholic drink known as whiskey, the evils of which is plainly demonstrated by the depredations committed by those who partecipate therein. It is calculated to rob its recipient of his character and bring him to degradation.

Dear Brethren: We admonish each member of this body to regard it as an evil. The great evils which it is attended with are too numerous to enumerate. We admonish all of our members to pay all money to the support of the glorious gospel that they have been heretofore paying for this growing evil; and then we shall avail ourselves of God's approbating smiles, in crowning our efforts with success.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BLANKS,
J. S. WILKINS,
Committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath School, no doubt, is of human origin, yet we believe it to be a channel through which God's people have been blessed in their labors through ages that are passed and gone. The Sabbath School was never intended to supercede the Gospel of Christ; but to prepare the minds of the people for the reception of the word (when preached.) It is a work which the humblest can perform, and one that should be prosecuted by the noble and the great. There is no calling that is so great as that of laboring in the vineyard of the Lord, and no part of Christ's vineyard is so easily labored in as that of the Sabbath School. We believe it to be the duty of all Sabbath Schools to have officers and teachers who are God-fearing and God-serving men, as the school is intended to point men and women and children to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." The apostle Paul says in Cor. ii: 14: that the things of the Spirit of God are foolishness to the natural man, and can only be spiritually discerned. We then, as your committee, do recommend Christian officers and teachers, that they may impart spiritual instruction. Brethren, prosecute the work, "for the night cometh when no man can work." So when the Lord comes the second time without sin unto salvation, you may "spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all."

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WILLIS,
F. A. PREVATT,
Committee.

REPORT ON ORDINATION OF ELDERS.

Dear Brethren: We, your committee on Ordination, beg leave to report the following: We have not examined any person through this session. Should any application be made to us we will, as far as possible, ascertain their views of doctrine and call to the ministry; and if their moral character is good we will approve of them. Thanking the Association for the confidence placed in us, we are your brethren in Christ.

C. WILKINS,
F. PREVATT,
J. W. BLANKS,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report: We have received from the churches \$5.25 Minute Fund and \$6.95 for Associational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT LOCKLEAR,
JOHN J. BELL,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

We, your committee of arrangements, beg leave to report the following:

1. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.
2. An invitation extended to Visiting Ministers and Corresponding Messengers.
3. Reports of Standing Committees.
4. Location of next session.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Adjournment.

F. A. PREVATT,
W. W. WILLIS,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Male members.	Female members	Total members.	Minute Fund.	Associational Purposes.
Burnt Swamp,	C. Wilkins, A. Oxendine, J. S. Wilkins, Gilbert Locklear,	19	7	1	...	1	...	37	33	70	2 50	3 45
Magnolia,	Wm. Canady, Seymour Bell, Dolphin Harden, H. Jones,	9	12	13	8	21	75	75
Reedy Branch,	James Jacobs, A. Hunt, J. D. Hunt, J. J. Bell.	17	3	12	8	20	2 00	3 00
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MINUTES

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SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Reedy Branch Baptist Church, Robeson County, N. C.,

Nov. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, 1881.

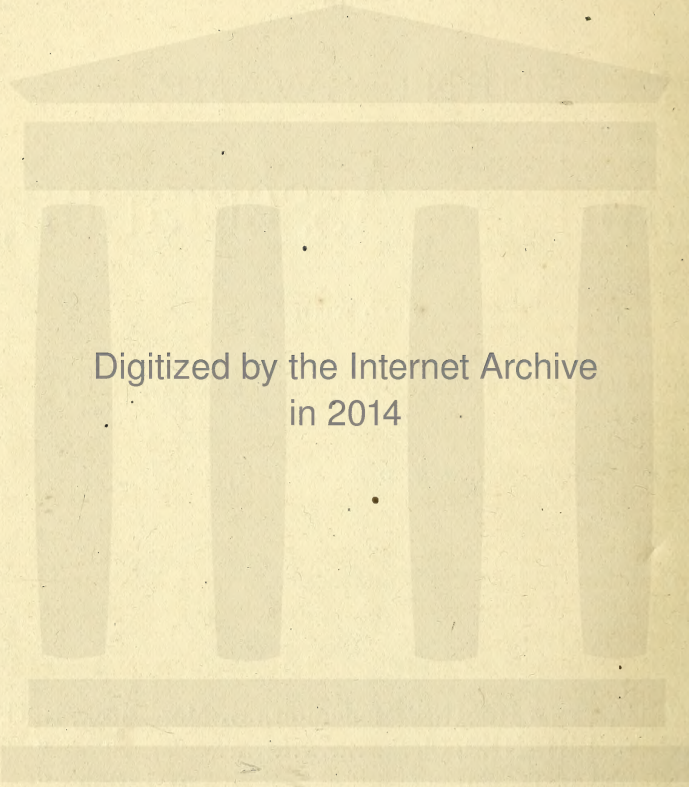
REV. CARY WILKINS, Moderator,.....Moss Neck, N. C.

JOHN S. WILKINS, Clerk,..... " " "

H. H. BELL, Treasurer,.....Lumberton, "

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PROCEEDINGS.

REEDY BRANCH CHURCH,
Robeson County, N. C., Nov. 3rd, 1881.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association meets this day in its Second Annual Session with Reedy Branch Church, Robeson county, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon is preached by Elder Cary Wilkins, according to appointment, from 1st John, 3rd chapter and 1st verse, at the close of which Bro. Pinkney Chavis leads in prayer, and an intermission of 30 minutes is given.

The Association is called to order by Elder Cary Wilkins, the former Moderator, who leads in the religious exercises.

Prayer by the Moderator.

The Moderator appoints Gilbert Locklear and E. A. Bell a committee on Finance.

On motion of Elder J. W. Blanks, the church letters are called for and read.

The Moderator announces that the time for the election of officers has arrived.

On motion of the body, it is agreed to vote by rising.

On motion, Elder Cary Wilkins is re-elected Moderator, Bro. Jno. S. Wilkins re-elected Clerk and Bro. Hardy H. Bell elected Treasurer.

An invitation is extended to corresponding messengers and visiting ministers.

On motion, an invitation is extended to newly constituted churches desiring to unite with this Association, and a petition from Mt. Pleasant church, Robeson county, is presented.

On motion, the church is referred to a committee to examine into its orthodoxy and Christian status.

The committee, finding the church orthodox and orderly, recommends its reception into the body. The church is received and the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, extends the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

The Moderator appoints Gilbert Locklear, Malcolm Hunt, William Chavis and E. A. Bell, the committee on Religious

Exercises. The committee retires preparatory to reporting ; reports that John J. Bell will preach to-night assisted by Jno. S. Wilkins. Association adjourns till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Gilbert Locklear.

FRIDAY MORNING—Nov. 4, 1881.

The Moderator calls the Association to order ; reads the 23rd Psalm. Hymn 79 is sung. Prayer by the Moderator. Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

An invitation to visiting ministers and brethren is renewed.

Elder F. Prevatt, from Cape Fear, comes forward and is welcomed to a seat.

The following committees are appointed by the Moderator :

On Ministerial Support—Gilbert Locklear and Hardy H. Bell.

On Education—J. S. Wilkins and E. A. Bell.

On Domestic Missions—J. W. Blanks and John J. Bell.

On Temperance—J. S. Wilkins and J. W. Blanks.

On Periodicals—Cary Wilkins and John S. Wilkins.

On Special Changes—Wm. Cannady, Jas. Sealey, Seymore Bell, Pinkney Chavis and Elias Hunt.

There is an amendment offered to the Constitution as follows :

Resolved, That article 1st of the Constitution be amended so as to give the ministers the same privilege the delegates have.

The amendment is taken under consideration and deliberated.

While the question is pending, remarks are made on the subject by Elders F. Prevatt, J. W. Blanks, and brethren Jno. S. Wilkins, Gilbert Locklear and Jas. Sealey. The Moderator forces the question and the motion is lost.

On motion of J. S. Wilkins, it is agreed by the Association to have the Constitution and Rules of Order printed with the minutes.

A collection is taken up for Minute Fund amounting to \$2.46.

The Association calls off business till 2 o'clock, P. M. Elder F. Prevatt addresses the congregation during the retirement for business, which is listened to with marked interest.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association reassembles. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Wilkins. A committee to draw up a programme of business for to-morrow, is appointed, consisting of Elders Cary Wilkins and J. W. Blanks, and Bro. J. S. Wilkins.

The Association adjourns for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

The Association is again called to order by the Moderator. The Association adjourns till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. W. Blanks. Benediction by Elder F. Prevatt.

SATURDAY MORNING—Nov. 5, 1881.

Association meets pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator reads 1st Psalm. Hymn 100 is sung. Prayer by the Moderator.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Invitation to visiting brethren and ministers renewed.

The committee on Order of Business reports, and the report is received and the committee discharged.

The following on Ministerial Support is read :

We believe that it is as much the duty of the church members to pay for the support of the Gospel as for the other necessities and comforts of life.

Too many members of the church regard what they contribute to their pastor as given to him and not as paying him for his services. A contract made between a pastor and a church should be considered a promise made to the Lord, and that each member is under obligation to pay his part of the contract by contributing as the Lord has prospered him. If any member is providentially prevented from paying anything, he should be indulged or assisted till he is able to contribute. Under no circumstances whatever should a church allow a few liberal hearted members to bear the church expenses. The minister, as well as the farmer, lives

by the sweat of his brow, and is as well worthy of his hire. To prove the fact, we refer you to 1st Corinthians, 3rd chapter and 14th verse: "If any man's work abide which he has built thereupon, he shall receive a reward." 1st Cor. 9: 14: "Even so has the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel."

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT LOCKLEAR,
H. H. BELL,

Committee.

Speeches are made on the subject by Bro. J. S. Wilkins and Elder J. W. Banks, and the report is adopted.

J. S. Wilkins reads the following report on education:

Education implies a drawing out, or shaping, or moulding of the mind. It *literally* implies a knowledge of books, and how to reduce their contents to practice. Unless we have this knowledge, we are to all intents and purposes helpless.

Viewing the subject of general education, through all the avocations of life we notice that it terminates with success. Education is needed at the bar, in the cornfield, in the domestic business of the household, in conducting the affairs of the government, in carrying on the *cause of Christ*; and, *in fact, it is needed in every business avocation of life.*

All the *real* influence that is possessed by the creatures of this world, is possessed by men and women of education. There is no possible chance for us to reach the zenith of our greatness in church matters, nor in our domestic, until we are educated. We, as a body of Baptists, need a school organized among us for the benefit of our children. This is the only way our race can be brought from the polluted valley of ignorance to the summit of intelligence.

Education is really necessary on the part of the clergy. Therefore we cannot insist too strongly on *Ministerial Education*, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished to every good word and work—a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, but rightly dividing the Word of Life, may not only save themselves from the blood of all men, but those that hear them from eternal punishment. We have ministers among us who are deficient in education. What shall we do for them? Shall we suffer if we help them? We will not, for it is our duty. Let us help them by concert of action, and by so doing we will attain to ourselves a

more efficient ministry, and our work will redound more fully to God's glory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. WILKINS,
E. A. BELL,
Committee.

On motion, the report is made the special order for the afternoon services.

The following report on Sabbath Schools is read :

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report the following:

Sabbath School is of human origin. It was started by man for a good purpose, and this purpose is to soften the hearts of the recipients for the reception of the gospel. The blessings of God have been realized through this godly institution ever since it was organized, and they will continue to be realized throughout all time. The qualities which attend the Sabbath School have been discussed so often in our Union Meetings, it is deemed unnecessary to occupy space in the minutes to rehearse them.

Your committee would recommend that parents take their children and enlist them in this great work, and that each church member enlist and attend punctually. If this plan is adopted, we will attain unto our Association a healthy Sabbath School system. Let us come together and march forward to success, and make this year's work a success over that of the past.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. WILKINS,
E. A. BELL,
Committee.

Speeches are made on the subject by Elders Cary Wilkins, J. W. Blanks and Bro. J. S. Wilkins; and the report is adopted.

John J. Bell reads the report of last year on Domestic Missions, as follows:

We your committee on Domestic Missions, after consideration, beg leave to make the following report:

The spirit of missions is the very genius of christianity. It speaks in every command and thrills in every emotion. To convert the whole world to christianity is the desire of every good christian. The means of effecting this to a

greater or less degree is found in the great mission spirit which we are in possession of. It follows that if we are in possession of this spirit, the mission work will surely be extended among us as a people joined together by the ties of christian affection. We are commanded by the canon of Eternal Truth to contribute to the support of the gospel. Dear brethren, we recommend that each of us try to create within us a greater love for the spirit of missions. We recommend that our pastors preach more frequently on the subject of missions, and our members adopt the scriptural plan of giving, viz: every one of you, on the first day of the week, as the Lord prospers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BLANKS,
JOHN H. BELL,

Committee.

Speeches are made on the subject by Elder J. W. Blanks, and brethren William Cannady, Gilbert Locklear and John S. Wilkins; and the report is adopted.

J. S. Wilkins presents the following report on Temperance:

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Intemperance, or the improper use of intoxicating liquors, is an evil, the qualities of which we see plainly demonstrated in every day life. The improper use of intoxicating liquors brings men of character to the polluted valley of sin and degradation, steals their money, takes away their character, robs their family of food and clothing, and renders them more uncomfortable than any other evil in which they could participate. It is the ground and the pillar upon which all evil is based either *directly* or *indirectly*. All the crimes committed that deserve punishment at our common courts or in the church are traceable to whiskey. It blights the youths of our country, those upon which the responsibility of civil government depends. It destroys the good influence of the young towards taking hold of the cause of Christ. We, as your committee, recommend that this Association discountenance the sale of this evil, and also the participation in it in any way only for medicinal purposes. The Scripture teaches us to "abstain from all appearance of evil," and this is the appearance, and the evil too; therefore,

strict discipline should be used in all of our churches on members who will drink alcoholic drink as a beverage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. WILKINS,

J. W. BLANKS,

Committee.

Remarks on the subject by Elders Cary Wilkins, J. W. Blanks and brethren Gilbert Locklear and J. S. Wilkins; and the report is adopted.

The following report on Ministerial Examination is read :

We, your committee, beg leave to report that no applicant came before us for examination. Should any one apply we will examine them on their views of doctrine and call to the ministry. We are your Standing Committee for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

CARY WILKINS,

F. PREVATT,

J. W. BLANKS,

Committee.

The report is received.

The following report on Periodicals is read :

We, your Committee on Periodicals, submit the following :

This is a century in the world in which people delight in reading matter, especially such as is of a trifling merit. There are periodicals that sustain and defend the truth, and are filled up with just such reading matter as is adapted to every one's condition. The truth is the side upon which it casts its decisions in all matters. *This periodical is the Biblical Recorder*, printed in Raleigh, which is a standard organ of the denomination. Your committee most heartily recommends this paper, as worthy of your patronage. Take it for two months and you will take it longer. Terms are liberal—\$2.00 for one year, \$1.00 for six months. Subscribe and take a copy for six or twelve months, and learn something of its genuine merit. We also recommend *Kind Words* for our Sabbath Schools, published at Macon, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

CARY WILKINS,

JOHN S. WILKINS,

Committee.

Speeches are made by Elder Cary Wilkins and John S. Wilkins, and the report is adopted.

The following report on Special Changes is read :

We, as your committee, have inquired, and have found that none of our ministers, or deacons, or members have died. It seems that the providence of God has been with us during the past year, and we pray that His mercies may continue with us.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. SEALEY,
WM. CANNADY,
PINKNEY CHAVIS,
SEYMORE BELL,
ELIAS HUNT.

The report is adopted.

The Finance Committee makes the following report:

We have received \$20.56 for the Minute Fund and \$8.25 for Ministerial Aid, which we hold at the option of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT LOCKLEAR,
E. A. BELL,

Committee.

The report is received and the committee ordered to transfer the amount into the hands of the Treasurer, who gives receipts for the same.

The Association takes a recess for one hour. Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association meets pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer, J. S. Wilkins leading.

On motion, the Association was located at Magnolia church.

On motion, it is

Resolved, That the Introductory Sermon be preached by Elder J. W. Blanks; and the Missionary Sermon on the Sabbath by Elder Cary Wilkins.

Committee of arrangements reported that Elder J. W. Blanks preach to-night, aided by Bro. J. S. Wilkins.

To-morrow, at 10 o'clock, preaching by Bro. John S. Wilkins. At 11 o'clock, preaching by Elder Cary Wilkins.

On motion, the Association appointed Elder J. W. Blanks,

brethren J. S. Wilkins and A. D. Locklear as corresponding brethren to Cape Fear, Cedar Creek and Lumber River Associations, bearing letters of correspondence to each one.

On motion, the clerk was ordered to write the letters.

Agreed that the clerk have \$5.00 for his services.

The Association agreed to have as many minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify—the printing to be done at the *Recorder* office.

On motion, it was agreed to divide the remaining funds on hand, and the collection of to-morrow between the ministers of this Association.

The report on Education is taken up and re-read, and remarks made on the subject by C. A. Bell and John S. Wilkins. The report is received.

The Association gives way to the Board.

Association calls on again and resumes business.

On motion, it is

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given on to-morrow and they are due and hereby tendered to the citizens and friends around Reedy Branch church, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates through this present session.

Association adjourns till time and place next appointed.

Prayer by Hardy H. Bell. Benediction by Moderator.

CARY WILKINS, Mod.

JNO. S. WILKINS, Clerk.

SUNDAY—Nov. 6, 1881.

The congregation commences gathering and keeps on till the grove is filled. The time for the first sermon arrives and passes on till time for the second. Elder Cary Wilkins supplies the stand till 12 o'clock. The charity sermon is then delivered by Elder J. W. Blanks, from Matt., 21st chap. and 28th verse—"Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."

At the close a collection was taken up amounting to \$6.47.

The parting band was then taken, while the congregation was singing "Blessed be the tie that binds."

Thus ends a pleasant session.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Domestic Mission Board
OF THE
Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

FRIDAY EVENING, Nov. 4, 1881.

The Board is called to order by Elder Cary Wilkins, former Chairman.

On motion of Bro. John S. Wilkins, the Finance committee of the Association is made the Finance committee of the Board. The money sent in by the churches for missions was then brought into the Finance committee.

The Board then proceeds to re-organize by the re-election of Elder Cary Wilkins Chairman, Bro. John S. Wilkins Secretary and Bro. Gilbert Locklear Treasurer.

On motion, the Board adjourns till to-morrow evening.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 5, 1881.

The Board is called to order by the Chairman according to adjournment.

It is ordered that the Finance committee pay over the funds in hand to the Treasurer.

There being no Missionary, the Board proceeds to appoint Eld. Cary Wilkins as Missionary for the present year.

On motion, the Board agrees to pay him 50 cents for every sermon that he preaches while on his missionary work.

The unfinished business is referred to the officers of the Board.

Board adjourns till time and place of the next union meeting.

CARY WILKINS, Chm'n.

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Constitution of the "Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Mixed Race."

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Mt. Pleasant.....	Elias Hunt, Timothy Hunt, Lewis Hunt and Neill Hunt.....										10	13	23	1 12	1 65	2 77
Magnolia.	Simon Brewington, Wm. Cannady, H. H. Bell and Pink Chavis.....										22	7	1	...	2	...	26	21	47	4 00	2 00	6 00
Reedy Branch..	J. W. Blanks, Malcolm Hunt, Wm. Chavis and J. J. Bell.....										41	7	2	...	4	...	32	31	63	5 00	3 00	8 00
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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CH., ROBESON CO., N. C.,

THURSDAY, November 1st, 1883.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association meets this day in its fourth annual session with Mount Pleasant Church, Robeson county, N. C.

The Introductory sermon is preached by Elder Cary Wilkins, according to appointment, from the 20th chapter of St. John, and 20th verse, which reads thus: "Then were the disciples glad." Hymn 503 is sung, at the close of which Bro. Henry Chavis leads in prayer, and an intermission of 30 minutes is given.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by Elder Cary Wilkins, the former Moderator, who leads in the religious exercises. Prayer by the Moderator.

On motion, Bro. Everett Sampson acts as Clerk *pro tem.*, and John J. Bell Reading Clerk.

The Moderator appoints Bro. Gilbert Locklear and William Sampson a committee on Finance.

On motion, the church letters are called for and read.

On motion, the delegates' names are called.

Being a majority present, the Moderator announces that the time for election of officers has arrived.

On motion, it is agreed to vote by rising.

On motion, Elder Cary Wilkins is re-elected Moderator, Bro. Everett Sampson is elected Clerk, and John J. Bell Reading Clerk, and Bro. William Sampson is elected Treasurer.

An invitation is extended to corresponding messengers and visiting ministers.

The Moderator extended an invitation to newly constituted churches desiring to unite with this Association, and

a petition from Seven Bridge church, Robeson county, is presented.

On motion, the church is referred to a committee to examine into its orthodoxy and Christian status. The committee finding the church orthodox and orderly, recommends its reception into the body.

The church is received, and the Moderator in behalf of the Association extends the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

The Moderator appoints William Canady, Avender Chavis, Stephen Carter and William Sampson a committee on Religious Exercises.

The committee retires preparatory to reporting, and reports that Neill Hunt preach to-morrow at 10 o'clock, assisted by J. J. Bell, and Gilbert Locklear preach at 12 o'clock, assisted by Jordan Chavis.

On motion, the members of Mount Pleasant church is appointed a committee on Vigilance.

A committee to draw up a programme of business for to-morrow is appointed consisting of Elder Cary Wilkins, J. W. Blanks and Everett Sampson.

The Association adjourns till to-morrow at 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Gilbert Locklear. Benediction by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, November 2d, 1883.

The Moderator called the Association to order and reads the 8th chapter of Psalms. Hymn 503 is sung. Prayer by Bro. Jordan Chavis.

The list of churches is called, a majority being present.

The minutes of yesterday are read and approved, allowing the Clerk to make a proper amendment.

An invitation to visiting ministers and brethren is renewed.

The committee on Order of Business reports, and the report is received and the committee discharged.

The following committees are appointed by the Moderator:

On Ministerial Support—Jordan Chavis and Wm. Sampson.

On Education—E. Sampson and J. J. Bell.

On Domestic Missions—J. W. Blanks and Gilbert Locklear.

On Temperance—Quincy Godwin and Jas. A. Wilkins.

On Periodicals—Elder Cary Wilkins and Wm. Canady.

On Sabbath Schools—Zacharias Brux and Philip Locklear.

On Special Changes—Malcom Hunt, Stephen Carter, Calvin Braboy, Jack Hunt, William Canady, Calvin Oxendine, Henry Chavis and Philip Locklear.

On motion, that Elder Cary Wilkins and A. D. Locklear act as our Standing Committee for this Associational year.

On motion the 8th Article in the Constitution is changed from four delegates to three.

On motion, the latter clause of the 2d Article in the Constitution is stricken out.

On motion, that the Constitution and Rules of Order be printed with the minutes.

A collection is taken up for minute fund amounting to \$1.60.

The Association adjourns for preaching. Bro. Gilbert Locklear addresses the congregation during the retirement for business, which is listened to with marked interest.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembles. Prayer by Bro. Philip Locklear.

The Moderator extends an invitation to corresponding messengers and brethren.

On motion, that the committee of Arrangements report. The committee reports that John J. Bell preach to-morrow at 10 o'clock, assisted by Gilbert Locklear, and Elder Cary Wilkins preach at 12 o'clock, assisted by Bro. Jordan Chavis.

On motion, the Association was located at Burnt Swamp church, commencing Thursday before the first Sabbath in November, 1884.

It was resolved that the Introductory sermon be preached by Elder A. D. Locklear, and the Missionary Sermon on the Sabbath by Elder Cary Wilkins.

The Association adjourns till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Bro. Preston Chavis. Benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, November 3d, 1883.

The Association meets pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator reads the 16th chapter of Psalms. Hymn 835 is sung. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Blanks.

On motion, the list of churches is called and a majority present.

On motion, the minutes of yesterday are read and corrected.

The committee on Religious Exercises report as follows: That John J. Bell preach to-morrow at 10 o'clock, aided by Bro. Jordan Chavis, and J. W. Blanks at 12 o'clock.

An invitation to visiting brethren is renewed.

The special hour for taking up the reports on the different subjects having arrived, the following on Ministerial Support is read:

REPORT.

We believe that it is as much the duty of the church members to pay for the support of the gospel as for the other necessities and comforts of life. A contract made between a pastor and a church should be considered a promise made to the Lord. The lack of education should never be made a barrier to the entrance into the ministry of a man who has been called of God to preach the gospel, for when God calls a man to preach he calls him to a very honorable position, which will make him a more efficient minister and instructive preacher of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

JORDAN CHAVIS,

WM. SAMPSON,

Committee.

Speeches are made on the subject by Bro. Jordan Chavis and Gilbert Locklear, and the report is adopted.

John J. Bell reads the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education literally implies a drawing out or a shaping or a knowledge of books and how to reduce their contents to practice. Unless we have this knowledge we are to all intents and purposes helpless. We have ministers among us who are deficient in education. We should adopt some plan whereby we may educate our ministers. It is our

duty. If we do this it will redound more fully to God's glory. Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT SAMPSON,
JOHN J. BELL,
Committee.

Speeches are made on the subject by Bro. Colon Williams, from Cape Fear Association, and Elder Cary Wilkins, and the report is adopted.

The following report is read on Sabbath Schools :

REPORT.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report : That it was started by man for a good purpose. It is to soften the hearts of the recipients for the reception of the gospel. The blessing of God has been realized through this godly institution ever since it was organized among us. Let us come together and march forward to success and make this year's work a successful one over that of the past. Respectfully submitted,

ZACHARIAS BRUX,
PHILIP LOCKLEAR,
Committee.

The report is adopted.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Domestic Missions, after consideration, beg leave to report, that mission work is one of much interest and that much good can be accomplished by the mission work. We should come together as one body and help to press this mission work forward.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BLANKS,
GILBERT LOCKLEAR,
Committee.

Speeches are made on the subject by Bros. J. W. Blanks, Gilbert Locklear and Elder Cary Wilkins, and the report is adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance, submit the following report: That notwithstanding the many good reports heretofore made to induce our Baptist host to maintain a higher standard of temperance, the monster evil that is without moderation is the one general cause of trouble among our church members. The improper use of intoxicating liquors brings men of character to the polluted valley of sin.

Respectfully submitted,

QUINCY GODWIN,
JAMES A. WILKINS,
Committee.

Speeches are made on the subject by brethren Henry Chavis, Gilbert Locklear and Colon Williams, and the report is adopted.

The following report on Periodicals is read :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, the Baptists as a denomination, in this Association, has been and is now of such a character as to move our hearts with gratitude to God and to strengthen us for the accomplishment of greater things in the future. From many years' experience, we recommend to you the BIBLICAL RECORDER, printed in Raleigh, as an advocate of the truth as held by the Baptist denomination, holding up the various truths and comforting the distressed, aiding the weak and encouraging the strong; with this consideration we recommend it to this Association; its terms are \$2.00 per year. We also recommend *Kind Words* for our Sabbath Schools, printed at Macon, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

CARY WILKINS,
WILLIAM CANADY,
Committee.

The report is adopted.

The following report on Special Changes is read :

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

We, as your committee, beg leave to report that God in his goodness and mercy has seen proper to remove six of

our members out of our churches by death since we met in our last Association. We should feel to thank God for the continuation of us.

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOM HUNT,
STEPHEN CARTER,
CALVIN BRABOY,
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WILLIAM CANADY,
CALVIN OXENDINE,
HENRY CHAVIS,
PHILIP LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

The report is adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EXAMINATIONS.

Your committee to examine applicants report that brother A. D. Locklear has come before us and we have performed the duty and recommend him to you.

Respectfully submitted,

CARY WILKINS,
F. PREVATT,

Committee.

The report is adopted.

The Finance Committee make the following report :

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We have received \$14.74 for minutes and \$3.90 for missions, which we hold at the option of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT LOCKLEAR,
WILLIAM SAMPSON,

Committee.

The report is adopted, and the committee ordered to transfer the amount into the hands of the Treasurer, who gives his receipt for the same.

The Association called off for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association meets pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the Association appointed brethren Gilbert

Locklear and James A. Wilkins as corresponding brethren to the Robeson Association; J. W. Blanks, John J. Bell to the Cedar Creek; Jordan Chavis and A. D. Locklear to the Cape Fear Association.

On motion, the collection of to-morrow is appropriated to the publication of the minutes, and the Clerk ordered to have as many copies printed as the funds in hand will justify, and to have the printing done at the office of the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Agreed that the Clerk have \$7.00 for his services.

The Association gives way to the Domestic Mission Board.

The Association calls on again and resumes business.

On motion, it is

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be given on to-morrow, and they are due, to the citizens and friends around Mount Pleasant church for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates through this present session.

On motion, the minutes of to-day are read and adopted.

The Association adjourns till time and place next appointed.

Benediction by the Moderator.

	ELDER CARY WILKINS,
EVERETT SAMPSON, <i>Clerk</i> .	MODERATOR.

SUNDAY MORNING.

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The missionary's time being out, the Board proceeds to elect one, and J. W. Blanks is elected missionary for the present year.

On motion, the Board agreed to pay him one dollar per day for his services while actually engaged in missionary work, and he shall report to the Board all moneys collected by him on the field.

The Board also give Elder Cary Wilkins the same liberty to act as missionary, if he should be called to any new points to preach.

The unfinished business is referred to the Moderator and Clerk.

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Bear Swamp....	J. Chavis, P. Chavis, Henry Chavis..	7	2	...	6	19	25	1 00	35	1 35
Deep Branch...	W. Sampson, E. Sampson, S. Carter..	3	1	2	19	15	34	2 75	2 75
Mount Olive....	C. Brayboy, H. T. Jones, A. Chavis...	5	9	2	...	9	13	22	80	50	1 30
Seven Bridge...	C. Oxendine, J. Chavis, Z. Brux....	19	2	7	13	20	1 00	1 00
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The Moderator appoints a Committee on Religious Exercise.

On motion, Elders C. Wilkins and J. W. Blanks were appointed a committee to draw up a programme of business for to-morrow.

On motion, the members of Mount Olive Church were appointed a Committee on Vigilance.

On motion, the Committee of Arrangements make their report:

We, your committee, report that Elder C. Wilkins will preach to-morrow at 12 o'clock, aided by J. J. Bell.

On motion, that we adjourn until to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, November 6th, 1886.

The Moderator called the Association to order, the Moderator reading the 32d chapter of Isaiah. Opening hymn 482 was then sung. Prayer by Bro. J. J. Bell leading. The roll was then called and a majority found to be present.

On motion, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved, allowing the clerk to make a proper amendment.

The Moderator extends an invitation to visiting members and corresponding brethren.

The letter from Reedy Branch was then read, and the names of the delegates enrolled—James B. Hunt, Malcom Hunt and Levi Hunt.

On motion, it was ordered that we insert in the latter clause of the first article in the Constitution "Croatan Indians."

Remarks were made on the subject by Elders Gilbert, Locklier, J. W. Blanks, William Chavis and the Moderator, and the motion was adopted.

On motion, our next Association was located at Mount Pleasant Church, commencing Thursday before the second Sabbath in November, 1886.

It was resolved that the Introductory sermon be preached by Elder J. W. Blanks, aided by William Sampson, and the Mission sermon on the Sabbath be delivered by Elder C. Wilkins, aided by J. J. Bell.

On motion, the Association appointed brethren J. W. Blanks as correspondent to the Robeson Association, William Sampson to the Cape Fear Association, Gilbert Locklier to the Cedar Creek Association.

On motion, it was ordered that we call off business for preaching. Benediction by the Moderator.

Elder C. Wilkins addressed the congregation during the retirement from business.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Ministerial Support—William Sampson, William Chavis.

On Education—E. Sampson, J. J. Bell.

On Domestic Missions—Elders J. W. Blank, Jordan Chavis.

On Temperance—Stephen Carter, Elder Gilbert Locklier.

On Periodicals—Elder C. Wilkins, Archy Oxendine.

On Sabbath Schools—H. Q. Dial, T. H. Locklier.

On Prayer Meetings—Calvin Brayboy, Zacharias Brux.

On Special Changes—Calvin Oxendine, Malcom Hunt, Neill Hunt, Oliver Revels, John T. Jacobs, John V. Oxendine, Jas. A. Wilkins.

On motion, Elder C. Wilkins, J. W. Blanks and Gilbert Locklier were appointed a standing committee to examine applicants for this Associational year.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reports as follows:

Zacharias Brux will preach to-night, aided by Elder Jordan Chavis; and William Simpson will preach to-morrow at 12 o'clock, aided by Elder J. W. Blanks.

On motion, it was ordered that the Constitution and Rules of Order be printed with the minutes. It was also ordered that the printing be done at THE BIBLICAL RECORDER office.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Prayer, by Elder Gilbert Locklier leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

NOVEMBER 7TH, 1885.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator reading the 18th division of the Psalms. Hymn 344

was sung. Prayer, Bro. Zacharias Brux leading. The roll was then called and a majority found to be present.

On motion, the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The Moderator extended an invitation to corresponding messengers and visiting brethren, and Elder John Prevatt announced himself as a corresponding messenger from the Robeson Association, and was welcomed to a seat with us.

The hour having arrived to take up the different reports, the following, on Ministerial Support, was read :

We feel that there is a great need of servants in the Lord's vineyard, and that it is each member's duty to help support our ministers, a faithful ministry that are studying to show themselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. We are commanded to pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his vineyard. Shall we help our ministers to prepare for the blessed work to which God has called them? The responsibility is thrust upon us. Shall we meet it?

WM. SAMPSON,
WM. CHAVIS,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Report on Education was read as follows :

It really appears to us that unnecessary and avoidable ignorance is sinful, and that extreme illiteracy is fearfully dangerous. The sun lights up our world; education lights up our mind. Take away either then darkness, ruinous and destructive, will follow. Let us arise from our negligence in this matter, and put forth our most earnest efforts to secure to the present and rising generation the benefits of a good education. Respectfully submitted,

E. SAMPSON,
JOHN J. BELL,
Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by Elder Gilbert Locklier and Elder John Prevatt, from the Robeson Association, Elder J. W. Blanks, and the report was adopted.

The following report on Domestic Missions was read as follows :

After a consideration of a few years, looking and thinking deeply of the necessity of the gospel among our people as a part of the destitute race, dear brethren, as we have, prior to a few years back, been destitute of every knowledge of sending the gospel to those that are in heathenism, God has blessed us to spread the news a few miles. Let every member of this Association pray to God that he

may do more for us in the future. May God help each member of this Association to feel the great need of sending the gospel to those that are in darkness. Respectfully submitted,

JORDAN CHAVIS,
J. W. BLANKS,
Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by Elders J. W. Blanks, John Prevatt and Gilbert Locklier, after which the report was adopted.

The Association then suspended business until 2 o'clock. Elder John Prevatt addressed the congregation during the retirement of business.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Report of the Committee on Temperance was read as follows:

Intemperance is truly called the grievous sin of our land and country. Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, says that temperance is the fruits of the spirit, and the drunkard cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. We are exhorted in the Scriptures to add temperance to faith, virtue, etc., and we shall not be barren, but he that lacketh these things is blind, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN CARTER,
GILBERT LOCKLIER,
Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by Elders Gilbert Locklier, J. W. Blanks and the Moderator, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Periodicals reported as follows:

Your committee beg leave to relate the same old story of Jesus, and him crucified; likewise a report on periodicals must be the same old story of recommending the BIBLICAL RECORDER, though we feel it useless to recommend it to this Association; but hope that this Association will take this paper, and we believe that we will take it during this associational year. We recommend *Kind Words* to our Sabbath Schools. Respectfully submitted,

C. WILKINS,
ARCHY OXENDINE,
Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by Elders J. W. Blanks, John Prevatt, after which the report was adopted.

The report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was read as follows:

The great object of the Sabbath School is to learn what our Heavenly Father has taught us in the Bible, and in order to accomplish this we would recommend that all the members of all the churches of this Association meet together at each church every Sabbath for the study of the Holy Scriptures, and that the brethren and sisters will consider it their duty to get their children to go to the Sabbath School, and to go with them, and to try to instruct them in the knowledge of the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Q. DIAL,
T. H. LOCKLIER,
Committee.

Remarks were made by Elder John Prevatt, and the report was adopted.

The report of Committee on Prayer Meetings was read as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN: Prayer is taught in God's Word to be an essential watchword, and we, as christians, in this life should pray and enter heaven with prayer. Blessings are held in reserve for prayer. "Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." We would urge the necessity of praying always, and the giving of thanks unto God for what he has done for us.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN BRAYBOY,
ZACHARIAS BRUX,
Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by Bro. Calvin Brayboy, William Sampson and A. D. Locklier, and the report was adopted.

Report on Special Changes was read as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to report that God has removed three of our members by death since we met in our last Association. We should feel thankful to God for his mercies and blessings among us.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN BRAYBOY,
JOHN L. JACOBS,
OLIVER REVELS,
TROY LOCKLIER,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Examination was read as follows:

Your committee to examine applicants report that none have come before us for examination during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. PREVAT,
C. WILKINS,
A. D. LOCKLIER,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Report of Finance Committee was read as follows :

We, as your committee, have received seventeen dollars and sixty cents (\$17.60) for minute fund, and nine dollars and ninety cents (\$9.90) for Association Missions, which we hold at the option of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BLANKS,
GILBERT LOCKLIER,
Committee.

The report was adopted, and the committee ordered to transfer the amount into the hands of the Treasurer.

On motion, this Association recommends that each church in this Association, and those of other denominations of the Croatan Indians, have a committee of one from each church, who shall endeavor to raise all the money they can for the purpose of establishing a high school among the Croatan Indians; that this committee have a treasurer, who shall hold this money, and that this treasurer shall secure them for all the money paid to him, and that each committee shall make a report at every Union meeting of all the money they have raised.

On motion, an invitation was extended to any and all who will help us in this effort, and we will thank them kindly, as we have ever been destitute of such a school among us; and by this we are destitute of education.

On motion, this resolution was adopted by this Association.

On motion, the Committee on Religious Exercises reported. The report was received and committee discharged.

On motion, the collection of to-morrow was appropriated to the publication of the minutes, and the Clerk ordered to have 300 copies printed.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$8.00 for his services.

On motion, the Reading Clerk was allowed \$1.00 for his services.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered, and that they are due to the citizens and friends around Mount Olive Church for their hospitality and kind attention during this session.

On motion, the minutes of to-day were read and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourned till time and place next appointed. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER CARY WILKINS, MODERATOR.

E. SAMPSON, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING.

NOVEMBER 8TH, 1885.

At an early hour a large congregation assembled at the church, and Bro. William Sampson addressed the congregation, aided by Elder J. W. Blanks.

The time for the Charity sermon having arrived, Elder John Prevatt, from the Robeson Association, preached the Charity sermon from the 16th chapter of St. Mark and 15th verse, which reads as follows: "And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." At the conclusion a collection was taken up, amounting to one dollar and seventy eight cents, (\$1.78.)

Thus passed off another session of the Burnt Swamp Association, and we trust some good has been accomplished for the Master.

E. SAMPSON, *Clerk.*

Church and School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Superintendents.	Teachers and Officers.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Total No. of scholars and officers.
Magnolia	\$20 00	\$12 35					
Deep Branch	25 00		Stephen Carter ..	3	18	12	18
Burnt Swamp	45 00	11 00	T. Cummins	3	27	20	30
Bear Swamp	25 00		P. Chavis	2	16	12	18
Reedy Branch	31 00	45 00	W. Morgan		25		
Mount Olive	24 00	7 50	W. Locklier	7	45	37	52
Sevén Bridge	20 00	not giv	en in the letter ..				
Oak Grove	65 00		W. Clark	3	29	20	32
Mount Pleasant	10 00	not giv	en in the letter ..				150

Statistical Table.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Associ'l Missions.
Burnt Swamp	C. Wilkins, A. D. Locklier, Gilbert Locklier	2	3	1	1			26	31	57	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 40
Bear Swamp	Wm. Chavis, R. Carter, John V. Oxendine	21	2	1	1	1	1	17	30	47	1 35	-----
Magnolia	J. W. Blanks, J. J. Bell, Wm. Santee	7	9	5	1	4	1	22	38	60	1 50	60
Mt. Pleasant	J. K. Hunt, A. Locklier, David Hammons			2	4	3		15	22	37	3 00	1 00
Deep Branch	H. Q. Dial, Jos. Sampson, E. Sampson	6				2	1	17	20	37	2 00	1 40
Reedy Branch	M. Hunt, Levi Hunt, James B. Hunt	20	4	10		1		54	57	111	3 00	2 00
Mount Olive	O. Revels, R. Locklier, T. H. Locklier	4	2	1	5	3		16	19	35	1 60	1 50
Seven Bridge	Z. Brux, Calvin Oxendine, J. Chavis		1	2	1	4		6	19	25	45	-----
Oak Grove	S. Pate, J. L. Jacobs, Troy Locklier		1	3		9		27	49	76	1 70	-----
Total		59	19	27	13	28	3	200	285	485	\$17 60	\$19 90

Pastors, Clerks, and their Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	Time of Meeting.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Mt. Pleasant	2d	Gilbert Locklier, Lumberton.	-----
Oak Grove	4th	C. Wilkins, Moss Neck	E. D. Lee, Hasty's, Richm'd Co.
Seven Bridge	2d	C. Wilkins, Moss Neck	Z. Brux, Shoe Heel
Mt. Olive	2d	A. D. Locklier, Moss Neck	A. Chavis, Lumberton
Reedy Branch	1st	J. W. Blanks, Lumberton	Edward Carter, Moss Neck
Bear Swamp	1st	John Prevatt, Moss Neck	John V. Oxendine, Pates
Burnt Swamp	3d	Gilbert Locklier, Lumberton	A. D. Locklier, Moss Neck
Deep Branch	4th	F. A. Prevatt, Lumberton	Joseph Sampson, Moss Neck
Magnolia	3d	J. W. Blanks, Lumberton	John J. Bell, Lumberton

CONSTITUTION.

From a long experience, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to keep the orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan of government:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known and denominated as "The Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Croatan Indians."

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and whom said churches judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

ART. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, and died since the last session.

ART. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

ART. 5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 6. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

ART. 7. New churches may be admitted into the Union on petition by letter and delegates; if upon examination, they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

ART. 9. Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be twice read, and before it shall be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated upon, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the

raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association; and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received and paid out, according to the direction of the Association.

ART. 13. The annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the second Lord's day in November, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have said book present at each annual session.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

ART. 16. The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of churches; second, to preserve inviolable a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; sixth, to appoint any member by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to adjourn themselves to the time specified above, at such time and places as may be chosen.

ART. 17. This plan or form of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

ART. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without permission from the Association.

ART. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.

ART. 8. No member shall be permitted to engage in light and frivolous conversation, laughing, &c., during the sitting of the Association, or whispering in time of speech.

ART. 9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "brother."

ART. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

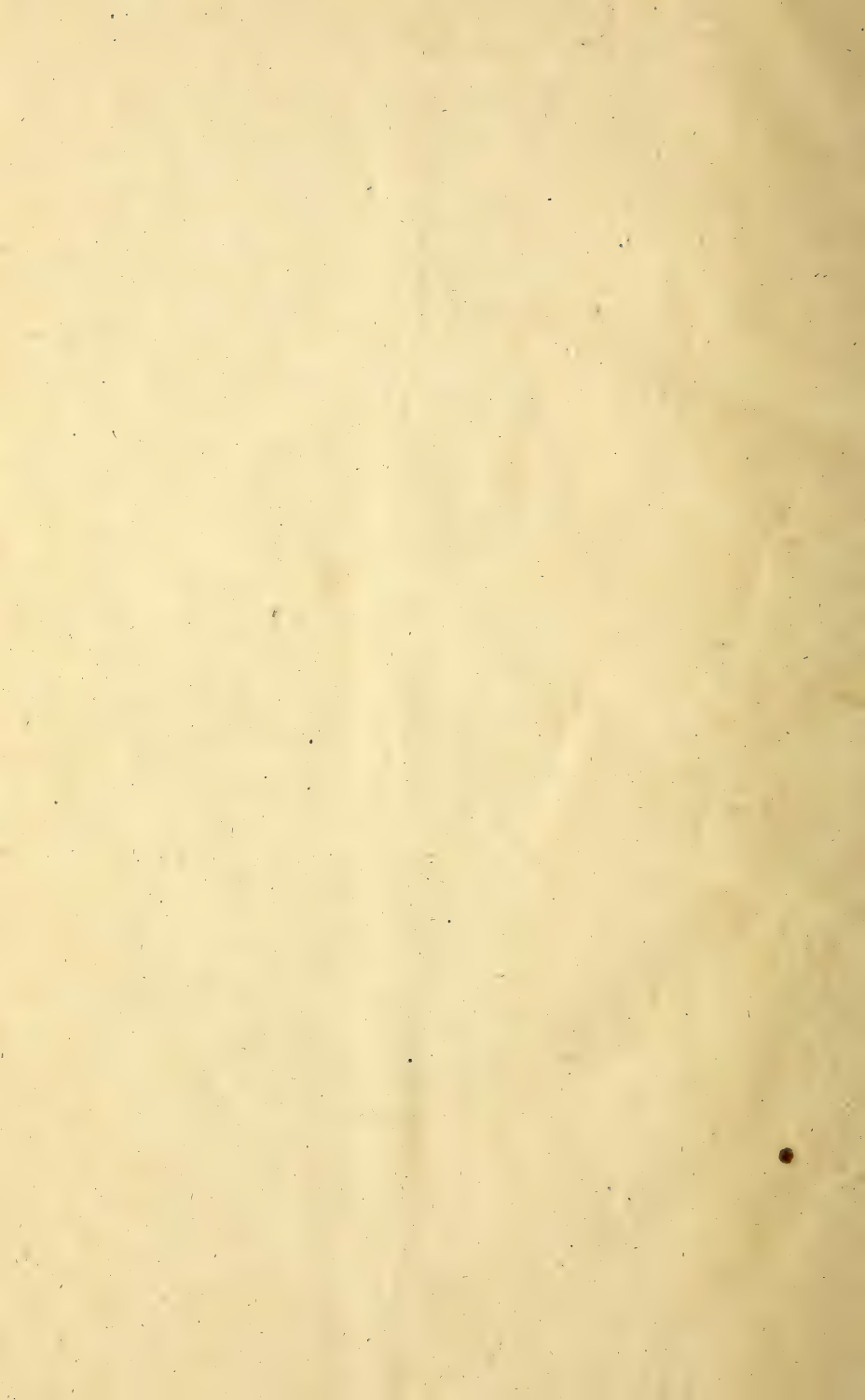
ART. 11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall be the last to speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he pleases before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall have no vote himself, unless the Association be equally divided.

ART. 13. That any member who shall knowingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as it shall think proper.

ART. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.







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MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH, ROBESON

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ELDER CARY WILKINS, MODERATOR
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PROCEEDINGS.

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH,

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C. Nov. 5th. 1886.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met in its seventh annual session. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Blanks, according to agreement, from the 10th chapter of the Book of John, and at the 11th verse. Prayer by Elder A. D. Locklier led. Then an intermission of 15 minutes was given.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, the Moderator reading the first chapter of the first epistle of John. Hymn 26 was sung. Prayer by Bro. Stephen C. Carter. The roll was called, a majority found to be present. On motion, the letters from the different churches were called for and read, and received, with the exception of those petitions which were tabled until the Association sees proper to take them up. On motion, the letter from Mt. Pleasant Church was tabled until tomorrow.

On motion, the roll of delegates was called and their names enrolled as follows:

Burnt Swamp—Elders C. Wilkins, A. D. Locklier, Gilbert Locklier.
Magnolia—Elder J. W. Blanks, John J. Bell, William Sampson.
Mount Olive—Willis Locklier, James D. Hardan.
Reedy Branch—John Hunt, William P. Hunt, Archy Hunt.
Deep Branch—William Sampson, Stephen Carter, Everett Sampson.
Mount Pleasant—Neill Hunt, Jack Hunt, Anderson Hammons.
Oak Grove—John T. Jacobs, Joseph Lockier, A. Strong.
Bear Swamp—J. R. Maynor, Richard Carter, Wm. Chavis.
A Finance Committee was appointed, to wit: Elders J. W. Blanks, A. D. Locklier.

The time for electing officers having arrived, on motion, Elder C. Wilkins was re-elected Moderator. On motion, Everett Sampson was elected Clerk, and John J. Bell Reading Clerk. On motion Bro. William Sampson was elected Treasurer.

On motion, the former Treasurer's report was read as follows: Received of this Association, \$29.38, which was held in the year 1885. Paid out for clerking \$9.00. Paid for printing minutes \$18.30. By balance on hand, \$24.08.

On motion, the money was ordered to be paid over to the Treasurer.

The Moderator appoints a Committee on Religious Exercise.

The Moderator extends an invitation to visiting brethren and responding messengers.

On motion, Elder J. W. Blanks, and E. Sampson were appointed committee to draw up a programme of business for to-morrow.

On motion, the members of Mt. Pleasant church were appointed committee on vigilance.

On motion, the committee on arrangements make their report:

We, your committee, beg leave to report that Bro. William Sampson will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, aided by Elder Jordan Chavis. Elder A. D. Locklier will preach at 2 o'clock, aided by Elder J. W. Blanks.

On motion, the report was received and the committee continued.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow, a. m. Elder J. W. Blanks led in prayer. Benediction by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, November 12th, 1886.

The Moderator called the Association to order, the Moderator reading the 6th chapter of Romans. Hymn 328 was sung. Prayer by Bro. Angus Strong leading. The roll was then called, a majority found to be present.

On motion, the minutes of yesterday were read and received, allowing the clerk to make every proper amendment.

The Moderator declares the house now ready for business.

The moderator extends an invitation to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers.

On motion, the committee on order of business for to-day, make their report.

On motion, the report was received and the committee continued.

On motion, the location of the next Association be taken up, and after remarks being made by Elder J. W. Blanks and Oak Grove, claiming that they were entitled to the next session. On motion, it was put to a vote, and on motion it was located at Oak Grove Church, Richmond county, N. C. commencing Thursday before the second Sabbath in November 1886.

It was resolved that the introductory sermon be preached by Elder Jordan Chavis, at 11 o'clock, aided by Elder A. D. Locklier, and Elder J. W. Blanks will preach the Missionary Sermon on the Sabbath at 12 o'clock, aided by Elder A. D. Locklier.

BEAR SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The letter from Bear Swamp was read and received, and the delegates' names enrolled.

On motion, E. Sampson and J. J. Bell were appointed as a committee to appoint or to select correspondence to the sister Associations.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Ministerial Support—Wm. Sampson, Neill Hunt.

On Education—E. Sampson, John Hunt.

On Domestic Missions—Elders J. W. Blanks, A. D. Locklier.

On Temperance—John J. Bell, Stephen Carter.

On Periodicals—Elder C. Wilkins, Sinclair Lowery.

On Sabbath School—Elder Jordan Chavis, A. D. Locklier.

On Prayer Meeting—Angus Strong, A. D. Logan.

On Special Changes—Wm. Santee, John Jacobs, Wm. Chavis, Joseph Locklier, Neill Hunt, W. P. Hunt.

On Ministerial Education—Elder Gilbert Locklier, Robert Carter.

On the Examination of Church Letters—E. Sampson, J. J. Bell.

On Church Discipline—Elders J. W. Blanks, C. Wilkins.

On motion, Elders C. Wilkins, J. W. Blanks, Gilbert Locklier were elected as a standing committee to examine applicants for this association year. The letter from Mount Pleasant Church was read and received, and the delegates' names enrolled.

On motion, that the Constitution and Rules of Order be printed in the minutes.

On motion, that we have 300 copies printed.

On motion that the clerk have the privilege of having the printing done where he shall think best.

On motion, that J. W. Blanks have leave of absence until to-morrow.

On motion, that we call off until 1 o'clock. Benediction by the moderator. While the Association suspended business, Bro. William Sampson addressed the congregation, aided by Elder Jordan Chavis.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled in the house.

On motion, that the Committee on Religious Exercises report as follows:

Elder Jordan Chavis will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, aided by Bro. Neill Hunt, and Elder Gilbert Locklier will preach at 2 o'clock, aided by Elder A. D. Locklier.

On motion that we stand adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

NOVEMBER 13TH, 1886.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator read

ing the 12th chapter of Psalms. Hymn 481 was sung. Prayer by Elder A. D. Locklier leading. The roll was called, a majority found present. The Moderator declares the house now ready for business.

On motion, the minutes of yesterday were read and received.

The Moderator extended an invitation to corresponding members and visiting brethren.

On motion the committee on order of business of to-day, did report.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion, that we take up those petitions which were tabled, the subject of the petitions being to constitute a Domestic Mission Board in our Association.

On motion, the petition was read, and after being discussed by brethren, on motion, that we again constitute a Domestic Mission Board in our Association, appointed the brethren as follows:

Stephen Carter, H. Q. Dial, Joseph Sampson, John Hunt, Neill H. Gilbert, Locklier, Sinclair Lowery, Willis Locklier, Angus Strong, P. M. Chavis, John J. Bell.

On motion that those names above be the members of the board who be constituted.

On motion that we call off business for the constituting of the board.

PROCEEDINGS OF DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD

SATURDAY, November 13th 1886.

Those brethren appointed by the Association assembled in the house, and the board was organized by electing Elder Gilbert Locklier Chairman, Bro. Joseph Sampson Secretary, Bro. H. Q. Dial Treasurer.

On motion, Elder A. D. Locklier was appointed as missionary for the present year.

On motion, the Board agreed to pay him one dollar per day for his services while actually engaged in missionary work, and shall report to the Board all money collected by him while on the missionary work, and that this money shall be applied in paying him for his services done in the missionary work.

On motion, that we stand adjourned until time and place of next Union Meeting.

ELDER GILBERT LOCKLIER, CHAIRMAN.

JOSEPH SAMPSON, SECRETARY.

The Association re-assembled in the house. The hour having arrived to hear the reports on the different subjects, the following on Education was read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your committee, beg leave to report on education. The discussion of this all important, and, as it were, strange to say, much neglected subject. Very many of our people are neglecting the education and proper training of their children; many of us come to regard the subject of education

ing their children not as a duty which must meet in the fear of God, but as a matter of little consequence. We think that the parents who neglect the education of a child and fail to train the child for usefulness, incurs thereby a fearful responsibility, violates a religious obligation, and commits sin. Will God hold them guiltless for this indifference to, and neglect of a sacred duty. Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT SAMPSON,
JOHN HUNT,

Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by Bro. A. J. Hogan, Elder Gilbert Locklier, and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We believe it as much the duty of the church members to pay and aid in the support of the Gospel as for the other necessities and comforts of life. A contract made between a pastor and a church should be considered a promise made to the Lord. When God calls a man to preach his Gospel, he calls him to a very honorable position, and should help our ministers to prepare for the blessed work to which God has called them.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SAMPSON,
ARCHY HUNT,

Committee.

Remarks were made by Elders J. W. Blanks, A. D. Locklier, and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

We, your committee on domestic missions, after consideration, beg to report that we, in our judgment, do think that the Kingdom of Christ has been greatly extended by the missionary cause, and if so, we do recommend that this Association do take more fully into consideration the great and grand work of mission.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. LOCKLIER,
J. W. BLANKS,

Committee.

Remarks were made by Elder J. W. Blanks, and the following pledges were made for this board, to be paid during the year:

Burnt Swamp, \$5.00; Magnolia, \$5.00; Reddy Branch, \$5.00; Deep Branch, \$3.00; Bear Swamp, \$3.00; Mount Pleasant, \$3.00; Mount Olive, \$3.00; Oak Grove, \$3.00; Harper's Ferry, \$1.50. This church being very weak, pledges were made by the brethren to help this church which is be-

ing built at Harper's Ferry. Paying their pledges: Elder C. Wilkins pledged \$1.00; Malcom Hunt, 50 cents; A. Strong, 50 cents; W. P. Hunt, 50 cents. Elder C. Wilkins pledged \$1.00 for Oak Grove. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that when we take into consideration the widespread and alarming evil that is caused by intemperance, we are grieved beyond measure when we look around and see so many heart-broken widows and suffering children, that have been made so by the imprudent use of intoxicating liquors. No person professing to be a child of God, and having in him the hope of glory, and commanded to let his light so shine in the world that sinners may see his good works, and thereby be brought to Christ, should not touch a drop of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN CARTER,

JOHN J. BELL,

Committee.

Remarks were made by Elder J. W. Blanks, and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: We recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as a good religious periodical, a faithful exponent of Baptist views and doctrines and a defender of the cause of missions, recommending the dissemination of the truth, as we hold it in all the dark and benighted portions of the globe. We recommend this as a good periodical to this Association, and we hope that some of our members will take this paper this year.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER C. WILKINS,

SINCLAIR LOWERY,

Committee.

Remarks were made by the Moderator, and the report was adopted. On motion, that we call off business for 30 minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled in the house.

On motion, the report on Sabbath School was read as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to report that the great object of the Sabbath School is to learn what our heavenly father has taught us in the bible, and in order to accomplish this we would recommend that the members of each church in this Association meet together every Sabbath for the study of the holy scriptures, and that the parents will consider it their duty to get their children to go to the Sabbath School, and that they will

go with them and try to instruct them in the knowledge of the word of God.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER JORDAN CHAVIS,
WILLIS LOCKLIER,

Committee.

Remarks were made by Elder J. W. Blanks, Bro. Sinclair Lowery. On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

We, as Christians, in this life, should pray and enter heaven with prayer. Blessings are held in reserve for prayer. Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. We would urge the necessity of praying always and giving thanks unto God for what he has done for us.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGUS STROCK,
ANDREW J. HOGAN,

Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The report on Special Changes was read:

We, your committee, beg lief to report that God has removed three of our members by death since we met in our last Association. By this He has taught us to be ye also ready, for in an hour when ye think not the Son of man will come.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SANTER,
JOHN L. JACOBS,
WILLIAM CHAVIS,
JOSEPH LOCKLIER,
JOSEPH SAMPSON,
NEILL HUNT,
WILLIS LOCKLIER,
W. P. HUNT,

Committee.

REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE,

We, your committee, beg lief to report as follows: We believe that good discipline in our churches is of such importance that no pastor, however intelligent or gifted in other respects, can be successful without it or the church prosperous. We believe that good discipline is nothing more nor less than conforming to the usage of the first churches, according to the teachings of the Apostles. We therefore advise our churches to enforce strict discipline, according to the teachings of God's word.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER J. W. BLANKS,
ELDER C. WILKINS,

Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Report of committee to appoint correspondence to the sister Associations was read as follows:

have appointed Elders J. W. Blanks and William Sampson as correspondents to the Cedar Creek Association; Elders A. D. Locklier, Gilbert Jordan and David as correspondents to the Cedar Creek Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. BELL,
E. SAMPSON,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Report of finance was read as follows:

We have received for mission funds, sixteen dollars and fifteen cents, and seven dollars and seventy-five cents for Association missions, which we hold at the option of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BLANKS,
A. D. LOCKLIER,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the committee ordered to transfer the money into the hands of the Treasurer.

On motion, the committee was discharged.

On motion, that the clerk be allowed \$9.50 for his services.

On motion, that the treasurer settle with the clerk.

On motion, the committee on religious exercise did report.

On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion, that the collection of to-morrow be applied for Association missions.

On motion, that a vote of thanks be given on to-morrow to the citizens and friends around Mount Pleasant church for their hospitality and kind attention during this session.

On motion, the minutes of to-day were read and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourned till time and place next appointed, which will convene with Oak Grove church, Richmond county.

EVERETT SANDSON,

Clerk.

ELDER CARY WILKINS,

Moderator.

SUNDAY.

NOVEMBER. 14th, 1886.

The day was very cold, rendering it very inconvenient, but notwithstanding the inclemency of the day, quite a large congregation assembled at the church. Rev. C. Wilkins preached the missionary sermon, to which very good attention was given. While the 703 hymn was being sung, a collection was taken up, amounting to \$6.13. Thus passed off another session, and we trust some good has been accomplished.

J. SAMPSON,

Clerk.

ELDER CARY WILKINS,

Moderator.

Church and School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	Pastors Salary.	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Superintendents.	Teachers and Officers.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Total No. of Scholars and officers.
Bear Swamp,	\$80 00	\$65 00	S. S. School.				
Reedy Branch	50 00		Rich and Hunt.	2	40	25	45
Deep Branch	25 00		E. Sampson	3	18	15	20
Mount Pleasant	No	report	no letter				
Burnt Swamp	20 00				88	10	88
Mount Olive	25 00	30 00		7	59		86
Oak Grove	50 00	25 00		4	29	20	23
Magnolia	25 00	6 40		8	40		43

Statistical Table.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELIGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Asso. Missions.
Magnolia.	J. W. Blanks, Jno. J. Bell, Wm. Santee	29	5	5	5	1	43	61	104	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 00
B. Swamp	J. R. Maynor, Wm. Chavis, R. Carter						13	29	42	55	
R. Branch	J. Hunt, W. P. Hunt, Archy Hunt.	11	12	16	17		58	66	124	3 00	2 00
Oak Grove	J. L. Jacobs, Joseph Locklier, A. Strong	32	10	6	7	1	40	76	116	2 00	
Mt Pleasant	J. Hunt, Neill Hunt A. Hamons	6		1	7		17	28	45	1 25	25
B. Swamp	C. Wilkins, G. Locklier, A. D. Locklier	2	1	7	2		28	33	61	3 00	2 00
D. Branch	E. Sampson, Wm. Sampson, S. Carter	2	1	1	1		19	18	37	2 00	50
Mt Olive	W. Locklier, Jas. Dial, A. Hardan	4			6	1	16	17	33	1 25	1 00
Total . . .		86	29	30	22	3	234	328	562	\$16 05	\$ 7 75

Pastors, Clerks and their Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	WEEKLY PREACHING.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Mount Olive	2d	A. D. Lockhart, Lumberton.	A. Chavis, Lumberton....
Burnt Swamp	3d	A. D. Lockhart, Moss Neck.	D. W. Oxendine, Moss Neck....
Mt. Pleasant	2d	Gilbert Lockhart, " "	J. J. Hogan, Pro tem....
Reddy Branch	1st	J. W. Blanks, Lumberton.	M. D. Lee, John's Station....
Burnt Swamp	...	John Provatt, Moss Neck.	Archy Hunt, Lumberton...
Magnolia	3rd	J. W. Blanks, Lumberton.	John V. Oxendine, Pates...
Deep Branch	4th	J. W. Blanks, " " "	J. J. Bell, Lumberton....
			Jos. Sampson, Moss Neck..

CONSTITUTION.

From a long experience, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to keep the orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan of government:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known and denominated as "The Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Croatan Indians."

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and whom said churches judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

ART. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, and died since the last session.

ART. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

ART. 5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 6. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

ART. 7. New churches may be admitted to the Union on petition by letter and delegates; if, upon examination, they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

ART. 9. Every query presented to any member of the Association shall be twice read, and before it shall be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for it, it shall be carried into consideration and be debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association; and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received and paid out, according to the direction of the Association.

ART. 13. The annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the second Lord's day in November, or at such places may be chosen.

ART. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have said book presented each annual session.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

ART. 16. The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of churches; second, to preserve inviolable a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; sixth, to appoint any member by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to adjourn themselves to the time specified above, at such times and places as may be chosen.

ART. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM

- ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
- ART. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.
- ART. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
- ART. 4. The person thus appointed shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
- ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or views.
- ART. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without permission from the Association.
- ART. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.
- ART. 8. No member shall be permitted to engage in light and frivolous conversation, laughing, &c., during the sitting of the Association, or whispering in time of speech.
- ART. 9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or application than that of "brother."
- ART. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives a light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.
- ART. 11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
- ART. 12. The Moderator shall be the last to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he please, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall have no vote himself, unless the Association be equally divided.
- ART. 13. That any member who shall knowingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it shall think proper.
- ART. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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REV. GILBERT LOCKLIER.....	“ “
REV. A. D. LOCKLIER.....	“ “
REV. J. W. BLANKS.....	Lumberton, N. C.
REV. J. J. BELL.....	“ “
REV. JORDAN CHAVIS.....	“ “
REV. NEILL HUNT.....	“ “

LICENTIATES.

WILLIAM SAMPSON.....	Moss Neck, N. C.
LEMUEL HAMMONS.....	Lumberton, N. C.
SAMUEL PATE.....	John's Station, N. C.
WESLEY CLARK.....	“ “
JOHN CLARK.....	“ “
ZACHARIAH BRUX.....	Pates' Station, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

REEDY BRANCH CHURCH,
ROBESON COUNTY, November 8th, 1888.

The Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association met here to-day in its Ninth Annual Session, and in the absence of the regular appointee and his alternate, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Gilbert Locklier, text, the sixth chapter of Romans and 23 verse, "For the wages of sin is death," after which a prayer was offered by Rev. J. J. Bell, leading.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After a suitable intermission, services were opened by the Moderator Rev. A. D. Locklier leading in prayer. The roll of churches was called, a majority being present, and a finance committee was appointed viz.: William Sampson and W. D. Oxendine.

On motion the letters from the different churches were called for and read and received, except the petitions which were tabled until the Association shall see proper to take them up.

On motion the rolls of delegates were called and their names enrolled, viz.:

Burnt Swamp—Rev. C. Wilkins, A. D. Locklier, Gilbert Locklier.
Deep Branch—William Sampson, Joseph Sampson, Everett Sampson.
Oak Grove—John Clark, Joseph Locklier, John L. Jacobs.
Mt. Olive—James Sealy.
Magnolia—Revs. J. W. Blanks, John J. Bell.
Bear Swamp—Preston Chavis.
Harper's Ferry—S. Lowrie, P. Sanderson.
Mt. Pleasant—Neill Hunt.
Reedy Branch—Malcom Hunt, B. Oxendine.

The election of officers being next in order, Elder C. Wilkins, acting Moderator, after thanking the Association for the high honor conferred upon him in keeping him as Moderator of the body from its organization, resigned his office, and by motion of Bro. James Sealy Rev. Gilbert Locklier was elected Moderator.

Bro. Joseph Sampson resigned the office of Clerk.

On motion Bro. Everett Sampson was elected Clerk.

On motion Bro. Joseph Sampson was re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator extended an invitation to all visiting brethren and newly constituted churches desiring to unite with this Association, and a petition from Mt. Elam Church, S. C., was presented.

The report was very ably discussed by Rev. J. W. Blanks, J. J. Bell, C. Wilkins, A. D. Locklier, B. Oxendine, P. M. Saunderson, S. Lowrie, and the Moderator.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The report on Domestic Missions was read, as follows:

The subject of missions is one that should move every Christian heart to carry out the spirit of the Master and to have the gospel preached throughout our beloved State, and we should desire that His name should be proclaimed throughout the wide-spread world. May the Divine commission go, yea, reach the hearts of all our people. May those who can not go themselves contribute willingly, as the Lord has prospered them, in sending others called of the Lord who will go willingly. Let us help them to go.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CLARK,
JOSEPH E. LOCKLIER,
Committee.

Remarks were made by Rev. J. W. Blanks, S. Lowrie, Joseph Locklier, J. J. Bell, C. Wilkins, and the Moderator.

The report was adopted.

On motion Rev. J. W. Blanks was appointed Treasurer for Foreign Missions, and Elder John J. Bell was appointed to visit each church in this Association twice a year for the purpose of collecting funds for Foreign Missions, and report to said Treasurer all the money collected by him, and said Treasurer shall report to the next Association all the money received by him of Elder J. J. Bell.

On motion Elder John J. Bell was allowed \$10 for his services, to be paid by said Treasurer out of the money collected by him.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, November 10th, 1888.

The Moderator introduced the services by reading the eighth division of the Psalms. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Blanks, leading. The roll of delegates was called. A majority being present the Moderator declared the house now ready for business.

On motion the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren, at which time Rev. W. W. Tucker from the Pee Dee Association, announced himself as a visiting brother and was gladly welcomed to a seat with us.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report on Temperance was read, as follows:

Temperance is one of the truths by which the world is to be judged. It is also the fruit of the spirit. The line between temperance and in-

temperance is laid between the necessary and unnecessary use of things lawful to be used, therefore, we would urge the object of temperance in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. LOCKLIER,
S. LOWRIE,
Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by J. J. Bell, J. W. Blanks, W. W. Tucker, C. Wilkins, and the Moderator.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

As food regularly taken is necessary to sustain animal life, so prayer is essential to spiritual development. We therefore recommend that the messengers of each church urge their respective churches to encourage prayer meetings by their presence and labor.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. REVELS,
N. HAMMONS,
Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by J. W. Blanks, S. Lowrie, W. W. Tucker, Joseph Locklier.

On motion the report was adopted, recommending all of our churches to establish a weekly prayer meeting.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education implies a drawing out or moulding or shaping of the mind. It literally implies a knowledge of books and how to reduce their contents to practice. Unless we have this knowledge we are to all intents and purposes helpless. Viewing the subject of education through all the avocations of life, we notice that it terminates with success. Education is needed at the bar, and also in all domestic business and government of life, and in carrying on the cause of Christ's kingdom, and we, as a body of Baptists, need a school organized among us for the benefit of our children. This is the only way our race can be brought from the polluted valley of ignorance to the summit of intelligence.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. OXENDINE,
J. J. BELL,
Committee.

Remarks were made by J. J. Bell, Joseph Locklier, B. Oxendine, W. W. Tucker, and the report was received.

On motion, adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The report on periodicals was read: We recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as a good paper, a religious periodical for all readers who wish

to read a Christian paper, a faithful exponent of Baptist views and doctrines and a defender of the cause of missions. We hope some of the members of this Association will take this periodical as a good guide.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDERS C. WILKINS,
J. W. BLANKS,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The report on Sabbath Schools was then read.

Dear Brethren: In submitting our report we are forced to say that there is too much neglect in our churches; and we would recommend that our ministers should talk this great subject over in their churches. We would urge that teacher and scholar be more diligent in the study of the word of God. The one great leading aim of all Sunday School workers is to lead souls to Christ's Kingdom.

WM. SAMPSON,
NEIL HUNT,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Committee of Arrangements did report.

On motion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The report on Ministerial Education was read:

An educated minister is one of the great needs of our denomination. It would be cheering in our Association if we had educated ministers; and we would urge that the brethren of this Association battle together to secure this grand object.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. JACOBS,
W. D. OXENDINE,
Committee.

Remarks were made by W. W. Tucker and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Report on Church Discipline was read:

We believe that good discipline in our churches is of such importance that no pastor, however intelligent or gifted in other respects, can be successful without it, or the church prosperous. We believe that good discipline is nothing more nor less than conforming to the usage of the first churches according to the teaching of the apostles. We therefore advise our churches to enforce strict discipline according to the teaching of God's word. Respectfully submitted,

C. WILKINS,
J. W. BLANKS,
WILLIAM SAMPSON,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

Report on Special Changes was read as follows:

Recognizing at all time and under all circumstances the justice and wisdom of Him who doeth all things well, we have examined the church letters and have found that God has removed five of our members by death since the last meeting of our Association; by this He has taught us "to be ye also ready."

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. MORGAN,
MALCOM HUNT,
NEILL HAMMONS,
NEILL HUNT,
JOSEPH LOCKLIER,
JOSEPH SAMPSON,
S. LOWRIE,
D. D. REVELS,
A. D. LOCKLIER,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO APPOINT CORRESPONDENTS.

We have appointed to the Robeson Association, Rev. J. W. Blanks.
To the Cape Fear—Bro. James Sealy.
To the Cedar Creek—J. J. Bell.

Respectfully submitted,

E. SAMPSON,
JOSEPH SAMPSON,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

There has come one applicant before us, and we have examined him and duly recommend his reception to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER GILBERT LOCKLIER,
A. D. LOCKLIER,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

After which a collection was taken up amounting to \$1.40.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We have received for Minutes' funds, \$17.60; and received for Association Missions, \$7.85, which we hold at the option of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SAMPSON,
W. D. OXENDINE,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted, and the committee ordered to transfer the amount into the hands of the Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for the same.

On motion, it was ordered that the collection of to-morrow be appropriated to the publication of the Minutes.

On motion the former Treasurer made his report as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Received at the last Association.....	\$25 15
Received of the former Treasurer at that time.....	4 27
Total.....	\$29 42
Paid for Clerking.....	\$ 9 50
Paid for printing Minutes.....	20 50
Total.....	\$30 00

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$9.50 for his services, to be paid by the Treasurer.

On motion: Ordered that the Treasurer pay the Clerk the money to have the Minutes printed when he shall call for it.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given on to-morrow, and they are due to the citizens and friends around Reedy Branch Church for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates through this present session.

On motion, the Domestic Mission Board met and the Missionary's report was received and settled, and the Board discharged. Rev. J. J. Bell, Chairman; Joseph Sampson, Secretary; J. A. Woodell, Treasurer.

After which the Association was again called to order.

On motion the minutes of to-day were read and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned until time and place of next meeting.

Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER GILBERT LOCKLIER, *Moderator*.

E. SAMPSON, *Clerk*.

SUNDAY.

The day was very pleasant, and quite a large congregation assembled in the house. The time for the sermon arrived and J. W. Blanks addressed the congregation, after which Rev. W. W. Tucker preached the Missionary sermon from the sixth chapter and eighth verse of the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians, which reads as follows:

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

After which a collection was taken up amounting to \$4.40. Thus passed another session, and we trust some good has been accomplished.

GILBERT LOCKLIER, *Moderator*.

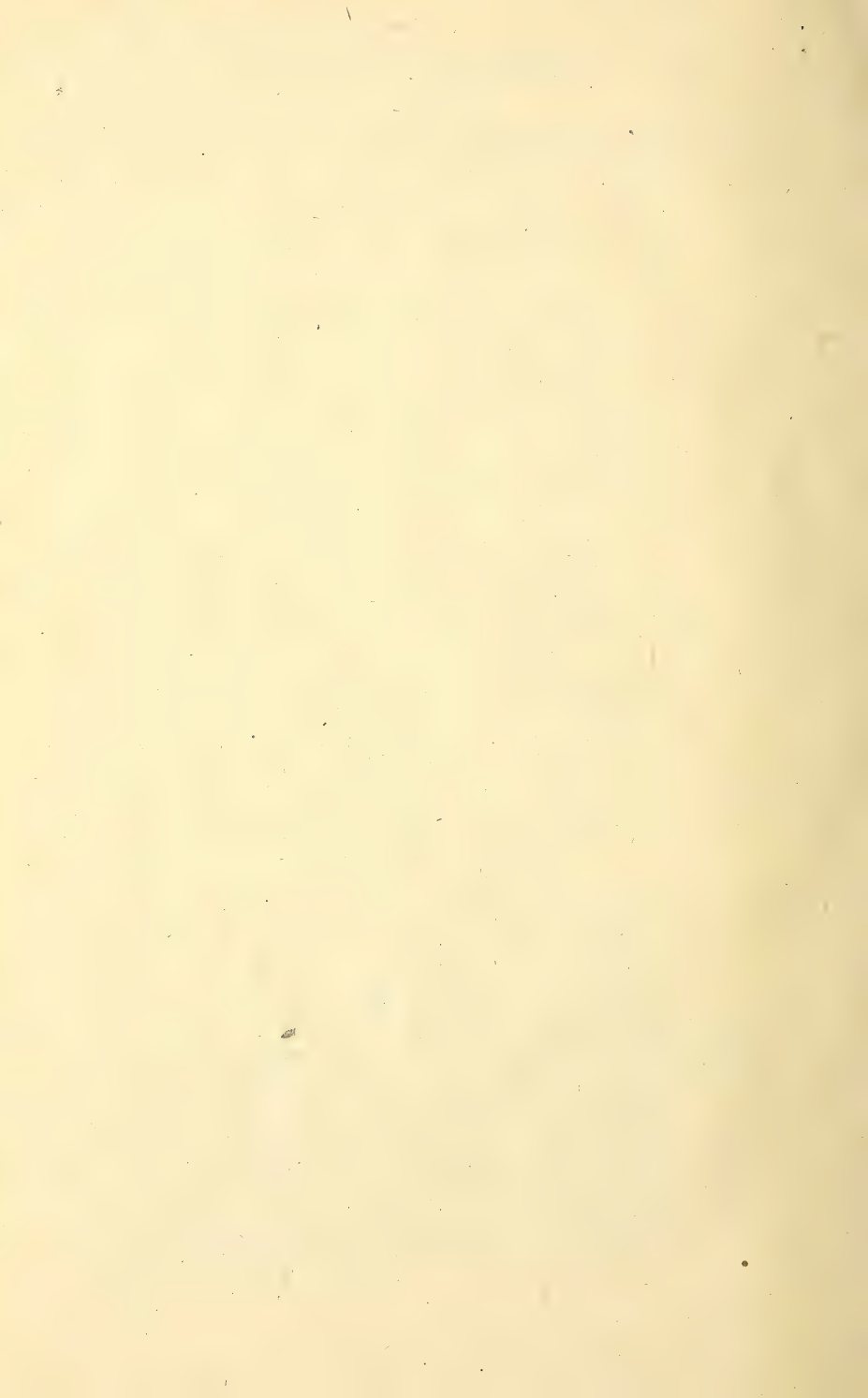
E. SAMPSON, *Clerk*.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	Time of Preaching.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Burnt Swamp	3d	A. D. Locklier, Moss Neck	W. D. Oxendine, Moss N.
Reedy Branch	1st	J. W. Blanks, Lumberton	A. Hunt, Plain View.
Magnolia	3d	John J. Bell	J. H. Smith, Lumberton.
Bear Swamp	1st	Jordan Chavis	J. R. Sanderson, Pates.
Mt. Pleasant	2d	Gilbert Locklier, Moss Neck	
Deep Branch	4th	J. W. Blanks, Lumberton	R. Carter, Moss Neck.
Mt. Olive	2d	J. W. Blanks, Lumberton	A. Chavis, Lumberton.
Oak Grove	4th	C. Wilkins, Moss Neck	Ed. Lee, John's Station.
Mt. Elam	3d	J. W. Blanks, Lumberton	D. D. Revels, Clio, S. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Minutes Fund.	Asso. Mission.
Burnt Swamp	C. Wilkins, G. Locklier, A. D. Locklier	9	2	1	2	1		33	41	74	\$3 00	\$1 50
Reedy Br'ch.	Malcom Hunt, Berry Oxendine										1 25	75
Magnolia	John J. Bell, J. W. Blanks, Wm. Revels			4	1	2	4	35	85	125	1 75	75
Bear Swamp	P. Chavis, H. Chavis, J. R. Maynor					2		9	23	32	75	
Mt. Pleasant	N. Hunt, E. Hunt, A. Hunt, Jr	10	1			1	1	20	35	55	85	
Mt. Olive	Jas. Sealy, R. Locklier, A. Chavis	3		1	1	2		26	24	50	1 50	1 00
Deep Branch	W. Sampson, E. Sampson, Joe Sampson	5	1	3	1	1	1	20	22	42	2 00	1 35
Oak Grove	J. Clark, J. Locklier, J. L. Jacobs	4		10	12	8		25	66	91	1 50	1 00
Mt. Elam	D. D. Revels, W. Clark, J. Bryant	28	7					17	18	35	2 00	1 00



CONSTITUTION.

From a long experience, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to keep the orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan of government:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known and denominated as "The Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Croatan Indians."

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and whom said churches judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

ART. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and died since the last session.

ART. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

ART. 5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 6. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ART. 7. New churches may be admitted into the Union, on petition by letter and delegates: if, upon examination, they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

ART. 9. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and before it shall be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated upon, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association; and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer of the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received and paid out, according to the direction of the Association.

ART. 13. The annual session of the Association shall be on Wednesday before the second Lord's day in November, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have said book present at each annual session.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

ART. 16. The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of churches; second, to preserve inviolable a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; fourth to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; sixth, to appoint any member by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to adjourn themselves to the time specified above, at such times and places as may be chosen.

ART. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

ART. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without permission from the Association.

ART. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.

ART. 8. No member shall be permitted to engage in light and frivolous conversation, laughing, &c., during the sitting of the Association, or whispering in time of speech.

ART. 9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or application than that of "brother."

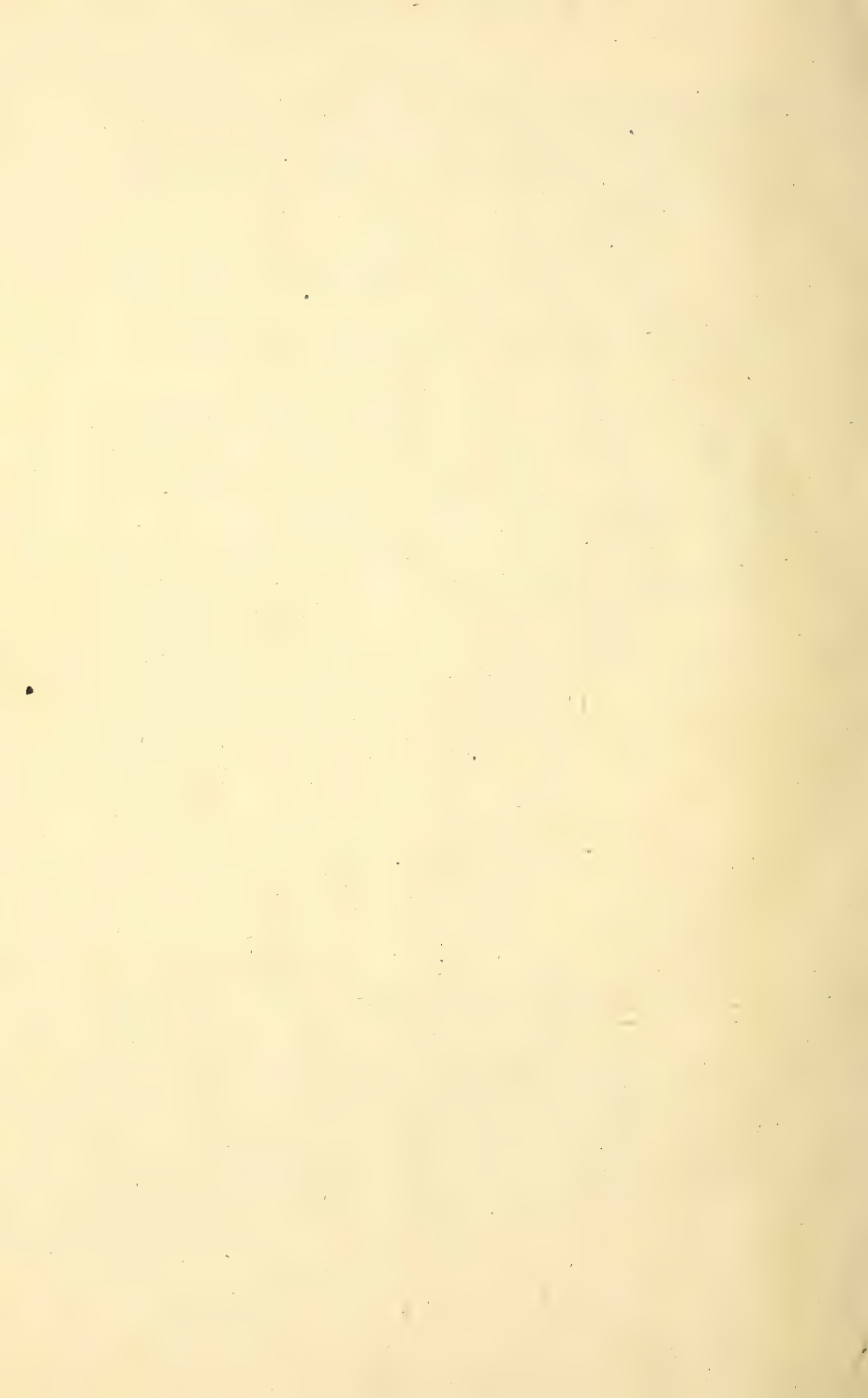
ART. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

ART. 11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall be the last to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he pleases before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall have no vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

ART. 13. That any member who shall knowingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it shall think proper.

ART. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.



1892

PROCEEDINGS.

MAGNOLIA BAPTIST CHURCH, Nov. 9th, 1892.

The Burnt Swamp Association met in its thirteenth annual Session in the house of worship of Magnolia Church at 12 o'clock, M.

Elder C. Wilkins who was appointed at the last meeting of the Association to preach the Introductory Sermon, was not present. At the request of some of the brethren, Rev. Sandy Mc. Leod preached the sermon taking as a text the Conclusion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. After the Sermon a recess for a half hour was taken.

The hour for calling the Association together for business having arrived, the body was called together by Elder J. W. Blanks, who read the 17th chapter of the gospel according to St. John.

The Moderator directed the Clerk to call a roll of the churches. The roll was called and a majority being present the body was declared open for Business.

The annual election of Officers was held and Elder J. W. Blanks elected Moderator, Joseph Sampson was elected Clerk and O. R. Sampson elected Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed Finance Committee consisting of Elder J. J. Bell, and O. R. Sampson.

On motion the letters from the different churches was called for, read and received and delegates enrolled as follows:

Burnt Swamp.—H. L. Dial, A. D. Locklear, Gilbert Locklear.

Magnolia.—J. W. Blanks, David Carter, J. H. Smith.

Reedy Branch.—Malcom Hunt, Junion Hunt, J. Revels.

Bear Swamp.—Zimmin Chavis, H. B. Chavis.

Deep Branch.—Stephen Carter, O. R. Sampson, Joseph Sampson.

Oak Grove.—Troy Locklear.

Harper's Ferry.—Simclair Lowrie.

At Olive.—James Dial.

At Blum.—F. C. Clark, J. L. Jacobs, Daniel Revels.

The following Order of Business was adopted:

Services meeting at 9:30 o'clock; one-half hour prayer and service; 10 o'clock call to order for business; adjourn at 12 m.
Adjourn at 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

11 a. m., Report on Pastoral Support, 2 p. m., Report on Sabbath Schools, 2 p. m., Report on Temperance, 2:30 p. m., Report on Home Missions.

FRIDAY

10 a. m., Report on General Education, 11 a. m., Report on Special Charges, 2 p. m., General Business.

At this point, an invitation was extended to visiting brethren to make themselves known to the association and also an opportunity given for applications for membership, when the newly organized church at Piney Grove presented a letter and was admitted to membership and the delegates entolled as follows: Lewis Hunt, Gaston Hunt, Littleton Hunt.

The Moderator appointed a committee of Arrangement consisting of brethren, Pinkney Chavis, David Carter, H. H. Bell.

On motion the members of Magnolia church were appointed a committee on Vigilance.

The committee on Arrangements submitted the following report:

Elder A. D. Locklear preach to night aided by Elder J. S. Blanks. Elder Gilbert Locklear preach to-morrow at 12 a. m., aided by John C. Clark.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pinkney Chavis,
David Carter,
H. H. Bell.

On motion the report was received and the committee continued: By motion, brother Sinclair Lowrie was appointed to conduct prayer service to-morrow at 9 o'clock, a. m. The association was lead in prayer by Rev. Gilbert Locklear, and then adjourned till 9:30, a. m., Thursday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After the prayer service conducted by brother Sinclair Lowrie, the association met for business. The roll was called, and a majority present, the house was declared ready for business.

On motion the journals of yesterday were read and approved. The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren to make themselves known to the association. Brother William Hattamons, from the Lumber River Association, was recognized and made welcome to the meeting. The Moderator appointed the following brethren for the purposes of the association:

On Pastoral Support—H. C. Dial, O. R. Sampson.

On Sabbath Schools—J. J. Bell, J. A. Jacobs.

On Temperance—A. D. Locklear, J. J. Blanks.

On Home Missions—Wm. Sampson, H. H. Bell.

On General Education—O. R. Sampson, J. J. Blanks.

On Special Changes—Joseph Sampson.

The Moderator renewed the invitation to visiting brethren and Rev. Noe Mercer, from the Cape Pear Association, announced himself as a visiting brother and was made welcome to take a part in the deliberations of the body. At 11 o'clock a. m. the report on Pastoral Support was called for and read by the committee as follows:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Brethren—When we consider the power and weight of the gospel and the great good to be accomplished through the ambassadors of Christ preaching the gospel, and the many souls to be converted by the gospel of Christ, and as Christ hath said, they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. We would urge that the churches be punctual and liberal in the support of their pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Q. DIAL,

O. R. SAMPSON,

} Committee.

The report was discussed by Wm. Sampson, Noah Mercer, J. L. Jacobs and the Moderator, and then adopted. A recess was taken till 3 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, and an invitation extended to visiting brethren, when Rev. F. A. Prevatt announced himself as a visiting brother and made welcome to our meeting.

The committee on Religious Exercises submitted the following report:

Wm. Sampson to preach to-night, aided by J. W. Hugin.

DAVID CARTER,

H. H. BELL,

PINKNEY CHAVIS,

} Com.

On motion the report was received and committee discharged.

The report on Sabbath School being the order of the hour was read by the committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We would urge all our church members, old as well as the young, attend our Sunday Schools and labor in them and make them ever green. We would urge that teachers and scholars be more diligent in studying the Word of God. We urge the scholars to purchase all the needed helps in the way of books that we might gain instruction therefrom.

JOHN BELL,

J. L. JACOBS,

} Com.

The report was discussed at length by J. J. Bell, Noah Mercer, J. L. Jacobs, F. A. Prevatt, and then adopted.

The report on Temperance being next in order, was called for and read by the committee as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The religion of Jesus Christ inculcates the purest morality. It repudiates and condemns vice in all its forms. It enjoins a life of virtuous abstinence, and whatever impairs this receives its denunciation. The duty of temperance in all things is clearly taught. The evils of intemperance are made manifest by precept and example. We hold this vice especially as exhibited in dram-drinking to be one of the most productive and dangerous evils which corrupt society and threaten the purity of churches. We, therefore, recommend that the pastor of each church in this association look prayerfully after all of their members on the subject of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. LOCKLEAR, } Com.
JOHN J. BLANKS. }

The report was discussed by F. A. Prevatt, Wm. Sampson, A. D. Locklear, H. B. Davis, and then adopted.

The report on Home Missions was called for, but on motion it was postponed till 11 o'clock, a. m., to-morrow for consideration.

The report on General Education being next in order was read by the committee.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

Your committee recognizing the fact that true education confers the highest happiness upon its possessors and endows them with greatest power. We beg all our people to faithfully discharge their highest duties to God and humanity by educating to the highest extent possible all those dependent upon them.

We therefore recommend that the several schools and Academies of their immediate vicinities be patronized and maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. SAMPSON, } Committee
JOHN J. BLANKS. }

The report was discussed by O. R. Sampson and John J. Blanks and then adopted.

On motion the location of the next association was taken up and located with the Burnt Swamp church, commencing on Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in November, 1893. Rev. A. D. Locklear was appointed to preach the introductory sermon on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, a. m. By motion the appointment of the Charitable was referred to the meeting of the next association.

Brother J. C. Clark was appointed to conduct the prayer service to-morrow morning at 9:30, a. m. Adjourned till 9 o'clock, a. m. Friday.

THIRD DAY - MORNING SESSION

After the prayer service conducted by brother John C. Clark, the association met for business.

The Finance Committee submitted their report as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received of the Association \$20.48
For Home Missions 75cts.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged and the money paid over in the hands of the Treasurer of the association. By order of the association, the money that was collected at the last meeting of the association for school purposes was refunded to the Treasurer of the association to be used for Minute Funds.

The general business of the hour having been disposed of the report on Home Missions was read by the committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The great work intended to be accomplished by the Home Mission Board of this Association is to give the gospel to those in destitute places, as far as we are able to send it. Brethren, this is a work that appeals to us very forcibly, when we realize that the christianizing of our surroundings is one of the greatest safeguards that we can throw around our own homes and children, to protect them from the evils that come from unchristianized people now among us. In consideration of the importance of this work, we would recommend 1st. That this Association make an effort to raise during the next associational year \$150 for Home Missions; 2nd. That the executive committee be requested to apportion the above amount as best they can among our churches, and request each church to try to secure the amount asked for by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Sampson, } Committee
H. H. Bell }

Amendments were made by F. A. Prevatt and the Moderator, and the report unanimously adopted.

At this point the Missionary submitted his report.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY

Preached 78 sermons, traveled 1,700 miles, baptized 5 persons, assisted in the constitution of one church, received by charity \$11.76; received of Home Mission Board, \$31.15. Brethren, no one minister in our bounds has traveled as Missionary under such a paucity. Good hope for one more church to be constituted. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few, pray the Lord to send more laborers.

Rev. Gilbert Locklear,
Missionary

The report was discussed by Elders H. D. Locklear, William Sampson and J. W. Daniels, and then by motion the report was received.

On motion the Moderator appointed a committee for the purpose of choosing a Missionary for the next associational year, consisting of brethren Stephen Carter, H. Q. Dial, Sinclair Lowrie, James Dial, Pinkney Chavis, Daniel Revels. On motion the association took a recess till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association resumed business.

The committee appointed to choose a Missionary reported that they had chosen the same Missionary, Rev. Gilbert Locklear, for the next associational year. On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

At this point the association requested a report from the Home Mission Board, but the Treasurer was not present and the Secretary could not make an accurate report, so the report of the Missionary was taken as an accurate report of the money collected for Home Missions during the past associational year. The Board then resigned. The association then appointed Elders J. W. Blanks, William Sampson and brethren H. Q. Dial, James Dial, Sinclair Lowrie, as an Executive Committee, with the authority of appointing one member of each church to constitute a board to work with the committee. It shall be the duty of the Executive committee to look after the Missionary and assist him in his work, and settle with him for his service, as shall be agreed upon.

From the report of our Missionary, for the past associational year, we find a balance of \$18.85 due him. By motion of the association, each church is requested to raise their apportioned part as soon as they can, and forward it to the Treasurer of the association, who shall settle with the Missionary as soon as he receives the money.

On motion the Treasurer made his report as follows:

TREASURERS REPORT.

To balance on hand,	\$ 3 10
Received of finance committee,	25 50
Total,	\$28 60.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid for publication of minutes,	\$ 18 25
Paid Clerk of the Association,	8 50
Total,	\$26 75 \$26 75
Balance on hand,	\$1 85

Which I paid into the treasury of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board through mistake.

O. R. SAMPRON, Treasr.

On motion the report was received.

On motion we have 300 copies of the minutes printed, also the Rules of Order and the Constitution.

The Clerk was allowed \$8.00 for his service.

A resolution was adopted, expressing the thanks of the association for the kindness and hospitality of the people of Magnolia and vicinity extended to the delegates and visitors attending the association.

On motion, brother A. Q. Dial was appointed as Correspondent to the next meeting of the Robeson Association, Elder Wm. Sampson to the Cape Fear, and Elder Gilbert Locklear to the Lumber River Association.

There being no other business, the association adjourned to meet Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in November, 1893.

JOSEPH SAMPSON

CLERK

J. W. BLANKS,

MODERATOR.

CHURCHES

Sunday of
preaching

PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Burnt Swamp	3 F A Proyett, Lumberton, N C
Reedy Branch	2 J W Blanks, Roziers, N C
Magnolia	
Bear Swamp	1 Wm Sampson, Moss Neck, N C
Deep Branch	4 J W Blanks, Roziers, N C
Oak Grove	4 Gilbert Locklear, Lowe, N C
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Fifteenth Annual Session

— OF THE —

BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

— HELD WITH THE —

HARPER'S FERRY CHURCH,

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.,

November 7th, 8th and 9th, 1894.

NEXT MEETING:

The next annual session will be held with the Church at Piney Grove, Robeson county, N. C., commencing,
Thursday before the Second Sunday in November, 1895.

REV. C. WILKINS,	Moderator, Moes Neck, N. C.
AARON S. LOCKLEAR,	Clerk, Lowe, N. C.
EVERETT SAMPSON,	Treasurer, Moss Neck, N. C.

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WM. SAMPSON,	Moss Neck, "
JORDAN CHAVIS,	Grady, "
J. B. BROOKS,	Pates, "
NEILL HUNT,	Ionr, "
J. J. BELL,	Roziers, "
J. J. BLANKS,	Lumber-ron, "
STEPHEN HAMMONS,	Roziers, "

CHURCHES.	PASTORS and their P. O's.	SUNDAY of Preaching.
Burnt Swamp,	Wm. Sampson, Moss Neck,	3rd . . .
Reedy Branch,	J. J. Bell, Rozier,	2nd . . .
Magnolia,	Wm. Sampson, Moss Neck,	1st . . .
Dear Swamp,	" " " "	2nd . . .
Deep Branch,	A. D. Locklear, " "	4th . . .
Oak Grove,	Gilbert Locklear, Lowe,	4th . . .
Mount Olive,	A. D. Locklear, Moss Neck,	2nd . . .
Harper's Perry,	A. D. Locklear,	3rd . . .
Mount Elin,	J. W. Blanks, Chic. S. C.,	3rd . . .
Piney Grove,	Stephen Hammons, Rozier,	1st . . .

PROCEEDINGS.

HARPER'S FERRY BAPTIST CHURCH,

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The Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association met in its Fifteenth Annual Session, in the house of worship, at Harper's Ferry, at 12 o'clock m.

Elder J. W. Blanks, who was appointed at the last meeting of the Association to preach the Introductory Sermon, was not present. At the request of the Association, Rev. Wm. Sampson preached the Sermon, taking as a text the 16th verse of the 3rd chapter of the Epistle of John: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." After the sermon a recess of half an hour was taken. At the expiration of recess the Association assembled for business. The Moderator opened the Association by reading the 26th division of the Psalms. Hymn No. 503 was sung, and the blessings of Almighty God were invoked by Rev. J. W. Blanks.

The Moderator appointed a committee of Finance, consisting of Brethren O. R. Sampson and Hugh Smith. By motion, the letters from the different churches were called for, read and received, and delegates' names enrolled, as follows:

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Magnolia, J. J. Bell, Stephen Hammons, Hugh Smith,

Reedy Branch, Neal Hunt, Lovit Hunt, James Hunt.

Oak Grove, N. P. Sanderson, Thomas Locklear, Troy Locklear.

Bear Swamp, F. P. Callihan, Dolphin Hardin, McDuffey Cummins, M. T. Olive, Willis Locklear, James Dial, C. L. Locklear.

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Harper's Ferry, S. Lowrie, Pinkney Chavis, Aaron Brooks, M. T. Eum, D. D. Revels, James Wallace, Wm. Briant.

Piney Grove, Stephen Hunt, H. O. Hunt, Lewis Hunt.

The Annual Election of Officers was held and Rev. C. Wilkins was elected Moderator, and A. S. Locklear was elected Clerk, and E. Sampson, Treasurer. The Moderator declared the house ready for business, and also extended an invitation to visiting brethren, corresponding messengers, and newly constituted churches, to make themselves known to the Association, and Wm. Gaddy and A. Mitchell, of the Lumber River Association were recognized and made welcome. By motion, the Association allowed the Clerk \$5 for his service. On motion, this church be a committee of vigilance

during this meeting. The Moderator appointed a committee on Religious Exercise consisting of Brethren Pinkney Chavis, Aaron Brooks, S. Lowre, Joseph Sampson.

By motion, the Committee of Arrangements submitted the following report: Rev. C. Wilkins to preach to-morrow at 12 m., and by Rev. J. J. Bell. By motion, Bro. J. J. Bell, Stephen Hammons and the Moderator drew up a programme of business. By motion, Rev. J. W. Blanks to conduct prayer service to-morrow, commencing at 9:30 a. m., and continue until 10 a. m. Hymn 948 was sung and benediction by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY SESSION.

Thursday, November 8.

After the prayer and praise service, conducted by Bro. J. W. Blanks, the Association came together at 10 a. m. The Moderator read the 14th division of the Psalms, Hymn No. 58 was sung, and prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and a majority being present, by motion, the journal of yesterday was read and approved. At this point the Moderator declared the house ready for business, and an invitation was extended to visiting brethren, corresponding messengers and newly constituted churches. When the newly constituted church at M. C. Marvin's presented a letter for membership, on motion, the letter was received and a committee appointed to inquire into its orthodoxy, and after a discussion the church was found to be gone contrary to the resolution of the Association while in session at Oak Grove church, and by motion, the petition was rescinded, and the resolution suspended to the constitution. On motion, the committee to draw up a programme of business submitted the following report: Meet every morning at 9:30, one half-hour in prayer and praise service. At 10 a. m., a call to order for business and to take up the location of the next Association, appointing committees on all of the different reports next in order, calling for these reports and discussing them, settling with the clerk, and then taking up all other miscellaneous business that may come before the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BELL,	} Com.
STEPHEN HAMMONS,	
C. WILKINS,	

The Moderator appointed a committee on Pastoral Support consisting of Bros. O. R. Sampson and Aaron Brooks. On motion, the location of the next Association was taken up, and by motion, located with the church at Piney Grove, Robeson county, N. C.

By motion, the time of meeting was changed to commence *Thursday* before the 2nd Sunday in November, and continue four days. By motion, Rev. A. D. Locklear was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and by motion, Bro. Stephen Hammons appointed alternate. By motion, the collection to-morrow to be given for Minute Fund. On motion, Rev J. W. Blanks preach the charitable sermon to-morrow. By motion, adjourn until 2 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator at 12 m. The congregation was handsomely addressed by Rev. C. Wilkins, on the goodness of the Lord, text from the 7th verse of the 1st chapter of the book of Naham. "The Lord is good and a stronghold in the day of trouble."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together at 2 p. m. The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers. The Moderator appointed a committee on Sabbath schools, consisting of Bros. J. J. Bell and J. J. Blanks. On Temperance, Bros. A. D. Locklear and Wm. Sampson. On Home Missions, Bros. S. Lowrie and J. W. Blanks. On Periodicals, Bros. C. Wilkins and J. J. Bell. On General Education, Bros. P. M. Sanderson and O. R. Sampson. On motion, Bros. H. Q. Dial and Joseph Sampson be a committee to appoint the corresponding messengers to the sister Associations. On motion, Revs. A. D. Locklear, Wm. Sampson and J. W. Blanks be our Standing Committee to examine all applicants and make a report at the meeting of the Association. On motion Bros. A. S. Locklear and Stephen Hammons be the committee on special charges, and on motion, the committee on Religious Exercises submitted the following report:

Preaching to-night at early candle-light by Bro. Stephen Hammons, aided by J. J. Blanks. On motion, Bro. Jordan Chavis conduct prayer service to-morrow. By motion, the Association adjourn until to-morrow morning 10 a. m. Hymn No. 705 was sung, and benediction by Rev. J. W. Blanks.

FRIDAY—THIRD DAY SESSION.

After the prayer service, conducted by Bro. Jordan Chavis, the Association came together at 10 a. m. The Moderator read the 23rd division of the Psalms. Hymn No. 837 was sung, and prayer by Rev. Jordan Chavis. The names of the delegates were called and a majority being present, on motion, the journal of yesterday was read and approved. The Moderator declared the house ready for business, and extended an invitation to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers. On motion, a call for the reports on the different subjects was made. On motion, the committee on Pastoral Support submitted the following report;

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following:

After examining the statistics we find that the Pastors' salaries are some larger this year than last, and we believe that it is every Christian's duty to heartily support the cause of Christ in every particular, and thus fulfil the law of Christ. They that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. Brethren, heartily support your pastor and the Lord will bless and prosper your churches.

O. R. SAMPSON,
AARON BROOKS,
Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by Revs. Wm. Sampson, W. Blanks, J. J. Bell, Gilbert Locklear and the Moderator, and adopted after a brief discussion and the Association adopted the following resolution:

We recommend to the delegates of this Association from the several churches, to recommend to the churches to assess their members according to their wealth, for the support of the pastors, and by motion, it was adopted.

The report on Sabbath schools being next, by motion, the committee submitted the following report:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath schools, report as follows:

Sabbath schools are of human origin. They were started by man for a good purpose and this purpose is to soften the hearts of people for the reception of Christ. The blessings of God have been realized throughout all time, to the people who attend to the Sabbath school. It has been discussed so often in our Association it seems almost unnecessary to impress it. We would recommend that parents take their children and enlist them in this great work, and that each church organize a Sabbath school so that we may go on to success.

J. J. BELL.
J. J. BLANKS,
Committee.

The subject was handsomely discussed by J. J. Bell and N. P. Sampson, and then adopted. On motion, the Association adjourned until 2 p. m. Benediction by the Moderator.

At 12 m., the Charitable sermon was delivered by Rev. J. W. Blanks, on the subject of Christian light, text taken from the 16th verse of the 5th chapter of St. Matthew's gospel, "Let your light so shine before men."

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, submit the following :

Intemperance, or the improper use of intoxicating liquor, is an evil, the qualities of which we see plainly demonstrated in every day life. The improper use of intoxicating liquor brings men of character to the polluted valley of sin and degradation, steals their money, takes away their character, robs their families of food and clothing, and renders them more uncomfortable than any other evil in which they could participate. It is the ground and pillar on which all evil is based. Either directly or indirectly all the crimes committed that deserve punishment in our common courts or in the church are traceable to whiskey. It blights the youths of our country—those upon whom the responsibilities of civil government depend ; it destroys the good influence towards taking hold of the cause of Christ ; and we, as your committee, recommend that this Association labor to discontinue the sale of this evil, and also the participation in it in any way except for medical purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. SAMPSON,

A. D. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

It was discussed at length by Revs. Wm. Sampson and A. D. Locklear, and then adopted. The report on Home Missions being next in order, by motion, the committee submitted the following :

REPORT ON HOME MISSION.

We, your committee on home mission, report :

We highly indorse home mission, for we can discover in the slothfulness of home mission that our Association is going back. May the Lord help our churches to enlarge their contributions for this great work in our land, and God will bless us.

J. W. BLANKS,

S. LOWRIE,

Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by J. W. Blanks and S. Lowrie, and then adopted. The report on Periodicals being next in order, on motion, the committee submitted the following :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your committee on periodicals, submit the following:

This is a century in which people delight in periodicals, especially such as are of trifling merit. There are periodicals that sustain and defend the truths which they establish, and they are filled up with just such reading matter as is adapted to every one's condition. The *North Carolina Baptist* is printed in Fayetteville, N. C., and is a standard organ of this denomination. Your committee heartily recommends this paper to the Association.

C. WILKINS.

JOHN J. BELL,

Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by Revs. C. Wilkins and John J. Bell, and then adopted. The report on General Education being next, on motion, the committee submitted the following report:

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

While rejoicing at the progress already made in this Association, through the providential care of the Almighty Father, we would urge the great importance of keeping before the mind and heart of our people the subject of general education and higher education. We can't afford to neglect the education of our people, especially those who are destined to become the leaders in this Association. Knowledge is power and especially that knowledge which is sanctified by the grace of God. Having no Academies or Colleges in our bounds, we therefore recommend that the members of this Association spare no interest in educating their children, through the means set forth by the State and county in the public school system.

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. SAMPSON.

P. M. SANDERSON,

O. R. SAMPSON,

Committee.

The subject was fully discussed by O. R. Sampson and P. M. Sanderson and then adopted.

By motion, the Finance committee submitted the following report:

Received from Association,	.	.	.	.	.	\$ 15 39
By collections,	.	.	.	.	.	2 36
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	<hr/>\$ 17 75

On motion, the money be given to the Treasurer.

O. R. SAMPSON,

HUGH SMITH,

Committee.

On motion, the committee to appoint corresponding messengers submitted the following: We appoint as correspondent to the Robeson Association, Elder Gilbert Locklear; to Cedar Creek, William Canada; to Cape Fear, Elder Wm. Sampson; to Lumber River, Jos. Sampson.

H. L. DIAL,

JOSEPH SAMPSON,

Committee.

On motion, the Examining committee submitted the following report:

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on ordination, make the following report.

We met at Magnolia church to set apart Bro. Stephen Hammons. On examination, we found him well disciplined, and we recommend him to this Association as an ordained minister.

REV. WM. SAMPSON,

WM. HAMMONS,

Committee.

On motion, the Treasurer submitted his report, as follows:

Received of this Association, for 1893,	\$ 15 81
Received of former treasurer,	4 00
Paid for clerking,	4 00
Paid for printing Minutes,	13 25
Balance on hand,	2 56

EVERETT SAMPSON, Treasurer.

On motion, the money to be left in the hands of the treasurer. The Association, on motion, was required to settle with the clerk. On motion, all the preachers of this Association be allowed the privilege to work as missionaries to get up churches, and go where the sick and poor have no preaching, and establish a place of public worship.

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On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Harper's Ferry church for their kindness and hospitality towards our delegates and foreigners.

On motion, all the unfinished business be left in the hands of the Moderator and Clerk.

On motion, the Association stand adjourned until the time and place appointed for next session. Hymn No. 640 was sung, and benediction by the Moderator.

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Burnt Swamp,	2	1	2	2	4	2	44	65	109	\$222 55	00	00	2 40	00	00	7 50
Reedy Branch,	7	0	4	1	8	3	44	54	98	19 20	00	2 97	3 00	00	00	00
Magnolia,	7	0	5	2	5	0	29	64	93	25 00	45 3	00	1 35	00	00	2 82
Bear Swamp,	1	0	2	0	4	1	20	28	48	21 33	00	00	00	00	00	00
Deep Branch,	0	1	3	0	1	0	19	27	46	25 00	00	00	1 60	00	00	00
Oak Grove,	20	2	10	2	3	0	32	60	92	50 00	00	00	1 20	00	75	00
Mount Olive,	2	0	1	2	2	0	22	29	52	30 00	00	00	1 19	00	00	00
Harper's Ferry,	5	2	0	0	0	0	23 70 5	20	00	1 05	00	00	00
Mount Elm,	0	0	0	0	5	0	14	27	43	65 00	00	00	2 00	00	00	00
Piney Grove,	2	3	5	0	1	0	18	25	43	20 00	00	00	85	10 00	00	00

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FORE THE THIRD SUNDAY
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REV. GILBERT LOCKLEAR, MODERATOR, LOWE, N. C.
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LICENTIATES.

J. C. CLARK,	E. D. HUNT,
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J. G. CHAVIS,	W. M. OXENDINE.

CHURCHES PASTORS AND SUNDAYS OF PREACHING.

Burnt Swamp,	- -	N. P. Sanderson,	- -	Third.
Reedy Branch,	- -	S. A. Hammons,	- -	Second.
Magnolia,	- -	J. W. Blanks,	- -	First.
Mt. Olive,	- -	A. D. Locklear,	- -	Second.
Deen Branch,	- -	J. W. Blanks,	- -	Fourth.
Beau Swamp,	- -	A. D. Locklear,	- -	First.
Harper's Ferry,	- -	A. D. Locklear,	- -	Third.
Oak Grove,	- -	Gilbert Locklear,	- -	Fourth.
Mt. Moriah,	- -	S. A. Hammons,	- -	Third.
Piney Grove,	- -	J. W. Blanks,	- -	Third.
Smyrna,	- -	Philip Locklear,	- -	Fourth.
Spring Hill,	- -	Neill Hunt,	- -	First.
Piney Hill,	- -	Jordan Chavis,	- -	Second.
Mt. Eliza,	- -	Jordan Chavis,	- -	Third.
Antioch,	- -	J. J. Blanks,	- -	Second.

PROCEEDINGS.

The delegates and visitors to the Nineteenth Annual Session of the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association assembled in the meeting house at Deep Branch Church at 11 o'clock, a. m., to engage in the business of the Association. (Owing to the rainy weather the Association did not meet until Thursday.)

The Moderator opened the Association by reading the 13th chapter of Hebrews. Hymn No. 231, Baptist Hymnal, was sung. Prayer by the Moderator.

By motion Bros. E. Sampson and J. J. Bell were appointed a committee to receive the church letters and the finances.

The letters from the different churches were called for, and delegates' names enrolled as follows:

BURNT SWAMP—Rev. C. Wilkins, Rev. Gilbert Locklear, H. Q. Dial.

REEDY BRANCH—J. R. Hunt, J. E. Hunt and J. W. Hunt.

MAGNOLIA—Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rev. J. J. Bell and S. P. Brewington.

MT. OLIVE—James Sealy, F. L. Locklear and Willis Locklear.

BEAR SWAMP—McDuffie Cummins, James Cummins and W. H. Godwin.

DEEP BRANCH—E. Sampson, F. L. Locklear, Jr., and O. R. Sampson.

HARPER'S FERRY—S. Lowrie, M. C. Chavis and P. M. Sanderson.

OAK GROVE—Rev. N. P. Sanderson, W. N. Pate and H. F.

PINEY GROVE—W. B. Oxendine, N. O. Hunt and Archie Locklear.

MT. MORIAH—Neill Hammons, Rev. P. P. Locklear and H. T. Jones.

MT. ELIM—Not represented.

SMYRNA—J. H. Hagans, John Feals and W. W. Morgan.

SPRING HILL—D. J. Revels and J. J. Chavis.

PINEY HILL—Clayton Oxendine, C. B. Oxendine and Dougald Johnson.

ANTIOCH—J. H. Smith and J. H. W. Smith.

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At this point the annual election of officers was held. Elder Gilbert Locklear was elected Moderator and O. R. Sampson Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting brethren, and corresponding messengers and also to newly constituted churches, to which there was no response.

By motion the members of Deep Branch Church were appointed a Committee of Vigilance during the sitting of the Association.

By motion it was ordered that business be suspended until 1 o'clock p. m.

At this point the sisters prepared a sumptuous dinner which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called in session at 1 o'clock p. m. and opened with prayer by Rev. J. W. Blanks.

The location of the next session of the Association was taken up and by motion was located at Burnt Swamp church, Robeson County, N. C., commencing Tuesday before the third Sunday in November, 1899.

By motion Bros. Joseph Sampson, Wesley Huggins and W. W. Morgan were appointed a committee to draw up a programme of business for the next Association.

By motion it is ordered that this Association give a day during her session to the Sunday School Association.

All moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions was ordered to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and subject to the disposal of the Association.

It was ordered that the Clerk be paid \$6 for his services.

The Committee to examine Church Letters made the following report :

We have examined the letters and find them approvable and recommend their reception by the Association. We also received for Minutes Fund \$19.25, and 85 cents for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully,

E. SAMPSON,

J. J. BELL,

Committee.

By motion the report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Treasurer made the following report :

Balance on Hand from Last Year,	-	-	-	-	\$	.92
Received for Minutes,	-	-	-	-	-	17.00
Received for Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	16.35
Collection on Sunday,	-	-	-	-	-	1.55
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Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$35.82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Clerk,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 6.00
Paid for Printing Minutes,	-	-	-	-	-	12.50
Paid for Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	16.35
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Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$34.85
Balance on Hand,	-	-	-	-	-	.97

By motion the report was received.

By motion it was ordered that we take up the various reports in rotation tomorrow.

By motion it was ordered that the collection of tomorrow be placed in the hands of the Treasurer for Minutes Funds.

The Association adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock, at which hour Bro. N. P. Sanderson will conduct prayer and praise services. Benediction by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

After prayer and praise services, conducted by Bro. N. P. Sanderson, the Association was called in session at 10 o'clock a. m.

The roll of delegates was called and a majority found present.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

By motion the Association will convene on Tuesday (instead of Wednesday) before the third Sunday in November, 1899.

The hour having arrived for the various reports, the Report on Prayer was called for and read by Bro. J. J. Bell:

REPORT ON PRAYER.

We do not expect, in prayer, to inform God as to our needs. Our Father "knoweth what things we are in need of before we ask Him," yet it is sometimes proper to express our needs, so as to feel them more sensibly ourselves. It is for the sake of man, not of God, that prayer is required. It is not that God may be rendered more gracious, but that man may be made better; that he may be confirmed in a proper sense of his dependent state and acquire those pious and virtuous dispositions in which his highest improvements consist. Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helplessness, but the feeling it; not figures of speech, but compunction of soul. Not gifts, but graces, prevail in prayer. God regards not the length of our prayers, nor the number of them, nor the language in which they are expressed, nor the force of the argument used, but, rather, the divinity of them—how heart-sprung they are. The very cry of distress is an involuntary appeal to that Invisible Power Whose aid the soul invokes. We earnestly hope that each church in the Association will endeavor to establish a live Prayer-meeting in their midst.

Respectfully,

J. J. BELL, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Rev. J. J. Bell and the Moderator and then adopted.

The Report on General Education being next in order, was called for and read by Bro. O. R. Sampson, as follows.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

The object of all training and culture is to prepare man for his existence here, and to prepare him to live hereafter. We are daily confronted with difficult problems in life which we are called upon to decide. In order to decide them intelligently we must be educated. We note with pleasure the great improvement in education among the Croatan Indians of Robeson county, the Normal School, near Pates, being a prominent factor in the educational history of the race. It is yearly sending out young men and ladies who are doing creditable work in the rural district school. We earnestly solicit parents to spare no means in educating their children. If you want your son or daughter to take a prominent stand in life and to be an ornament to your family, a blessing to society and an honor to your State, educate them.

Respectfully,

O. R. SAMPSON, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Bros. O. R. Sampson, S. A. Hammons and J. W. Blanks and then adopted.

By a motion of the Association Bro. O. R. Sampson was authorized and requested to solicit funds for the purpose of establishing a Denominational School in our midst, and is expected to visit all the churches in the Association during the year and make an Educational speech.

The Report on Temperance being next in order it was read by Rev. J. J. Bell, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is the great enemy of our republic, the most formidable foe of health, prosperity, happiness, industry, morality and religion in our land. The Church of Christ is its chief antagonist. Love to God and man, her inspiring motive, impels her to make incessant war on this deadly evil. The whole tenor of the Scripture, her only guide-book, is against the sin of drunkenness and in favor of temperance. Faithfulness on the part of the church in this conflict is the only hope. If she fails to do her whole duty it is "as when a standard bearer fainteth." We earnestly recommend each member in the Association to teach temperance, both by precept and example. If it requires self-denial it is harmless, yea, beneficial to us, and absolutely necessary to the overthrow of the greatest enemy to God and man.

Respectfully,

J. J. BELL, Committee.

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The report was spoken to by Rev. J. J. Bell and the Moderator and then adopted.

The Report on Periodicals being next in order was read by Bro. Joseph Sampson, as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We are living in a day of intellectual research and every theory advanced is put to the most crucial test. To this rule the pages of Holy Writ form no exception. This being the case, it is a matter of vital importance to our people to take and read all the good literature possible. We commend the Biblical Recorder, published at Raleigh, N. C., a faithful exponent of Baptist views. We also commend the N. C. Baptist, published at Fayetteville, N. C.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH SAMPSON, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Rev. J. W. Blanks and then adopted.

The Report on Home Missions being next in order was read by Rev. J. W. Blanks, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission has for its work the preaching of the Gospel to the Croatan Indians of Robeson and adjoining counties of North and South Carolina. At the last Association all the ordained ministers were authorized to do any and all mission work that came under their observation. We are glad to note that some of them have done some very efficient work. Rev. A. D. Locklear preached fifteen sermons, Rev. Gilbert Locklear preached ten sermons and Rev. N. P. Sanderson preached four sermons. Collections taken were Three Dollars. We heartily endorse the vigilant work done this year, and still hope for greater work in the future. We also recommend that this Association put out a Missionary in the field this year.

Respectfully,

J. W. BLANKS, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Rev. J. W. Blanks and others and then adopted.

By motion Rev. Gilbert Locklear was appointed Missionary for the ensuing year.

By motion it was ordered that the Missionary visit each church in the Association during the year and preach a Mission Sermon, and take a collection for

Home Missions. In this collection each male member is requested to pay 25 cents and each sister is requested to pay 10 cents.

By motion Revs. J. W. Blanks, Wm. Sampson and J. J. Bell were appointed a committee to confer with the Missionary in arranging plans for his work.

By motion we call off until afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After a recess of one half hour the Association was called in session and business resumed.

The Report on Foreign Missions being next in order, was called for and read by the Clerk as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"All nations shall see the salvation of our God," said Isaiah, the great Missionary Prophet of the Old Testament, many years before Jesus came in human form. This was the Spirit's proclamation of a great fact. The spirit of Missions is the very genius of Christianity. It speaks in every command and thrills on every emotion to convert the whole world to Christ. Unity is the desire of every Christian. The means of affecting this, to a great degree, is found in the great Mission Spirit, of which every Christian should be in possession. Your committee recommends each member in this Association to do more for Foreign Missions in the future.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH SAMPSON, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Rev. J. W. Blanks and then adopted.

The Report on Pastoral Support was called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

It is the bounden duty of every Christian to heartily support the cause of Christ in every particular. Therefore we earnestly request every able-bodied member to take part in this duty. In looking over the statistics we notice that the Pastors receive very small salaries. Brethren, strive to make their salaries better this year than they were last year.

Respectfully,

A. S. LOCKLEAR, Committee,

By motion the report was adopted.

The committee to draw up a programme for next Association made the following report:

Introductory Sermon, delivered by Rev. A. D. Locklear, Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

At 12:30—Come to Order for Business.

1st—Calling Roll of Churches.

2nd—Receiving Letters and Enrolling Delegates.

3rd—Election of Officers.

4th—Invitations to Corresponding Messengers, Visiting Brethren and Newly Constituted Churches.

At 3 p. m—Report on Pastoral Support, by E. Sampson.

At 3:30—Report on Temperance, by Rev. Philip Locklear.

Wednesday—Meet at 9:30; One-half Hour Prayer and Praise Service.

At 10—Report on Prayer Meeting, by W. W. Morgan.

At 10:30—Report on Home Missions, by O. R. Sampson.

At 11—Report on General Education, by A. S. Locklear.

At 11:30—Recess.

At 12—Charitable Sermon, by Rev. William Sampson.

At 1—Report on Foreign Missions, by Rev. John J. Blanks.

At 2—Report on Periodicals, by W. D. Oxendine. Then General Business.

Adjourn at will.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH SAMPSON,

J. W. HUGGINS,

W. W. MORGAN.

Committee.

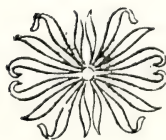
By motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

By motion a vote of thanks is due and hereby tendered the good people of this community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association in its present session.

By motion the Association adjourned till time and place of next meeting.

GILBERT LOCKLEAR,
Moderator.

O. R. SAMPSON,
Clerk.



CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon the confession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We therefore propose to keep the following plan of government:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments as delegates.

ART. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

ART. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

ART. 5. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen by the members present.

ART. 7. New churches may be admitted on petition by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship PROVIDED. No newly constituted church shall be admitted within six miles of a Baptist church, unless there is a swamp or creek to divide, unless a church of other denomination consents to turn over to the Baptists.

ART. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

ART. 9. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and be debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute, voluntarily, such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received, and paid out according to directions of the Association.

ART. 13. The annual session of the Association shall be on Wednesday before the third Sunday in November, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have the book present at each annual session.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Clerk and Moderator before the Association adjourns.

ART. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper. 7. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 2. A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matters as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

ART. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from this body without permission from the Association.

ART. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.

ART. 8. No person shall engage in light and frivolous conversation, laughing, etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

ART. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other term than that of "Brother."

ART. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

ART. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall be the last to speak on a subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote; but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

ART. 13. Any member who shall knowingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as it shall think proper.

ART. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Church Expenses.	Benevolence.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Minutes.	Sunday School Contributions.
Burnt Swamp.	5	1	1	2	3		31	58	89				8	1 75	
Magnolia.	1		1	4	2		22	44	66	4 00				1 60	
Reedy Branch.	4	5	7	2	4	1	35	62	97		2 55			1 40	1 01
Mt. Olive.							19	33	52					1 30	
Deep Branch.		5	1		3	2	24	28	52					3 75	
Bear Swamp.		2			1	1	16	36	52						
Harper's Ferry.		2			1	1	22	35	57	1 50				80	2 00
Onk Grove.			1		3	1	13	59	72					1 50	1 10
Piney Grove.	3	1	2		3	2	23	29	52					1 75	
Mt. Moriah.	3						20	27	47	1 10				1 45	1 26
Mt. Elim.							10	17	27						
Smymna.						1	13	16	29					1 25	
Spring Hill.	1						7	15	20					1 00	
Piney Hill.							7	12	19					1 00	
Antioch.		2			3		5	9	14	75				75	38

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N. O. HUNT.	

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Reedy Branch,	J. J. Bell,	First.
Magnolia,	J. J. Blanks,	First.
Mt. Olive,	J. W. Blanks,	Second
Deep Branch,	J. W. Blanks,	Fourth
Pear Swamp,	J. T. Tyner,	First.
Harper's Ferry,	A. D. Locklear,	Third.
Oak Grove,	N. P. Sanderson,	Fourth.
Mt. Moriah,	E. D. Hunt,	Third.
Piney Grove,	W. M. Sampson,	Third.
Mt. Elm,	Jordan Chavis,	Third.
Smyrna,	W. M. Sampson,	Fourth.
Spring Hill,	Jordan Chavis,	First.
Piney Hill,	N. O. Hunt,	Second
Antioch,	J. J. Bell,	Second
Cheerful Hope,	Jordan Chavis,	Second

DEACONS OF THE CHURCHES

—AND—

THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Burnt Swamp,	H. D. Paul,	Moss Neck, N. C.
	W. D. Oxendine,	
Reedy Branch,	J. E. Hunt,	Grady, N. C.
	W. G. Hunt,	Iona, N. C.
Magnolia,	T. H. Hammons,	Rozier, N. C.
	S. P. Brewington,	
Mt. Olive,	J. E. Dial,	Lumberport, N. C.
	Daniel Locklear,	
Deep Branch,	Joseph Sampson,	Moss Neck, N. C.
	Stephen Carter,	
Bear Swamp,	W. H. Godwin,	
Harper's Ferry,	S. Lowrie,	Pates, N. C.
	Aaron Brooks,	
Oak Grove,	Wesley Clark,	Hasty, N. C.
	W. M. Pate,	
Mt. Moriah,	H. L. Jones,	Lumberport, N. C.
	Neill Hammons,	
Piney Grove,	White Hunt,	McArthurs, N. C.
	H. D. Hunt,	
Smyrna,	J. H. Hagans,	Allenton, N. C.
	Eli Hagans,	
Spring Hill,	James Rodgers,	Clio, S. C.
Piney Hill,	Dugald Johnson,	Rowland, N. C.
Mt. Elin,	James Bryant,	Clio, S. C.
Antioch,	James Smith,	St. Pauls, N. C.
Cheerful Hope,	Archie Clark,	McCalla, S. C.
	Frank Clavin,	

PROCEEDINGS

The delegates and visitors to the twentieth annual session of the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association assembled in the meeting house at Burnt Swamp at 11 o'clock Tuesday, November 14th, 1899, to listen to the Introductory Sermon delivered by Rev. A. H. Locklear, from the 1st verse of the 13th chapter of Hebrews: "Let brotherly love continue."

After a strong and impressive sermon the congregation was dismissed, for one-half hour, during which the sisters prepared a bountiful dinner, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

At the expiration of recess the moderator called the Association in session by reading the 1st chapter of the epistle of John. Hymn No. 410 was sung. Prayer by Rev. Jordan Chavis leading.

On motion the roll of churches was called and a quorum found present.

On motion Bros. W. D. Oxendine and J. J. Bell were appointed a committee to receive and examine church letters and finances.

The annual election of officers was held and Rev. Gilbert Locklear was elected Moderator and O. R. Sanson Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator declares the house ready for business and extends an invitation to visiting brethren, corresponding messengers, and newly constituted churches.

Cheerful Hope, a new church in Marlboro county, S. C., came forward with a letter of acquaintance into the Association.

On motion Revs. J. W. Blanks and C. Wilkins were appointed a committee to examine the orthodox and Christian standing of the church. The committee reported favorably.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates making them welcome in the Association.

On motion the church letters were called for and delegates' names enrolled as follows:

Burnt Swamp—Rev. C. Wilkins, Gilbert Locklear and W. D. Oxendine.

Reedy Branch—E. D. Hunt, L. H. Hunt and W. J. Huggins.

Magnolia—J. W. Blanks, J. J. Blanks and S. P. Brewington.

Mt. Olive—Willis Locklear, Atlas Locklear and J. E. Dial.

Deep Branch—J. C. Clark, Joseph Sampson and O. R. Sampson.

Bear Swamp—Z. R. Chavis, McDuffie Cummins and Alvin Locklear.

Harper's Ferry—S. Lowrie, Aaron Brooks and Pinkney Chavis.

Oak Grove—Wesley Clark, Andrew Locklear and Willie Locklear.

Mt. Elijah—William Bryant, C. S. Sanderson and E. M. Clark.

Mt. Moriah—P. B. Locklear, Neill Hammons and Daniel Godwin.

Piney Grove—W. B. Oxendine, O. B. Barnes and Neal Hunt.

Smryna—J. H. Hagans, John Fields and W. W. Morgan.

Spring Hill—D. J. Revels, Jas. Rodgers and Neill Hunt.

Piney Hill—Orren Oxendine and J. H. Oxendine.

Antioch—A. Chavis, A. Carter and J. H. W. Smith.

Cheerful Hope—Arlie Clark, Frank Chavis and Kenneth Smith.

On motion the names of two deacons in each church, and their postoffices, was ordered printed in the minutes.

On motion the location of the next session of the Association was taken up and located at Reedy Branch church, Robeson county, N. C., commencing Tuesday before the third Sunday in November, 1900.

Report on prayer being in order, it was read by W. W. Morgan, as follows:

REPORT ON PRAYER.

Bow down to ask God for a blessing. Men in all ages have believed that the Divine Being hears prayer and answers it graciously. A willing prayer is seeking the Lord and pouring out the soul unto God with desire and request for help, is very distinctly stated in many passages in the New Testament. God regards not the length of our prayers, nor the number of them, or the language in which they are expressed, or the force of the argument used, but rather the divinity of them, how heart sprung they are. The very cry of distress is an involuntary appeal to that invisible power whose aid the soul invokes. Each church in the Association is earnestly requested to keep a good, warm prayer meeting running all the year. "Pray without ceasing," is the Master's command, and in all things give thanks.

Respectfully,

W. W. MORGAN, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Bros. S. Lowrie and James Rodgers and then adopted.

The Moderator appointed Bros. Joseph Sampson and W. W. Morgan to draw up a programme of business for the next Association.

Rev. Jordan Chavis was appointed to conduct prayer and praise services to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock.

On motion the Association was called off until that time.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, November 15, 1899.

After prayer and praise services, conducted by Rev. Jordan Chavis, the Association was called in session by the Moderator and the names of delegates called and a majority found present.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The moderator declares the house ready for business and extends an invitation to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers.

On motion the Rules of Decorum were read in the presence of the Association.

The report on Pastoral Support being next in order, was read by Bro. Joseph Sampson as follows:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

They who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. To help support a faithful minister is a duty assumed by every one who connects themselves to the church, and any member who will not help support his pastor has violated his obligation and should be regarded as an enemy to the cause and progress of the church and should be dealt with as for any other public offense. We ask the members of the churches to endeavor to pay better salaries. It will enable the preachers to devote more time to the study of their books and consequently they can do better work for the churches.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH SAMPSON, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Revs. J. W. Blanks and J. T. Tyner and then adopted.

The report on Temperance being in order, was read by W. W. Morgan, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Moderate drinking tends to drunkenness while total abstinence discards it. While no one means to become a drunkard there is said to be over six hundred thousand confirmed drunkards in our country to-day. Intoxicating drink can do no good as a beverage, and there are always safer and surer remedies to use in case of sickness. The idea of moderation is full of deceit and our estimate of the power of our own will is usually a mistaken one. The drinking habit is the cause of the larger portion of the misery and poverty and crime in our land. Both science and experience prove that even moderate drinking is injurious to health. Eternal interests are often forfeited through drink, for the Bible declares that no drunkard shall enter Heaven. The Bible pronounces no blessing on drinking but many upon total abstinence. It is easier to keep a pledge, publicly and solemnly given, than a simple resolution. The pledge protects us from the solicitation of friends and removes us from the temptation of the saloon. People miscalculate their ability to drink in moderation and become slaves to the drinking habit before they are aware of it. Intemperance obstructs civilization, education, religion and every useful reform. Proverbs 20th chapter 1st verse. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Respectfully,

P. P. LOCKLEAR, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Rev. P. P. Locklear, W. Huggins and others, and then adopted.

On motion the Association call off for the charitable sermon, which was delivered by Rev. William Sampson, using as a text the 13th verse of the 13th chapter of Corinthians.

After the sermon the congregation was dismissed for dinner.



AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association in session at 2 o'clock p. m. and resumed business.

The report on Home Missions being in order was read by Bro. O. R. Sampson, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission has for its work the preaching of the Gospel among the Croatan Indians of North and South Carolina. The missionary for the past year has not been able to do the work he might have done had the work been properly arranged. He has preached eight sermons at constituted churches and received \$8.00 and preached eight sermons at a destitute place. The growth and expansion of the Association depends largely on the work of Home Missions. We are on the border of the promised land, the kingdom of God over the earth. All lies open before the Church of Christ. Nay, the very walls of Jericho are already fallen down before our eyes. Beneath the advancing spirit and providence of God Caleb and Joshua, with an eager host of volunteers, pant to go forward and possess the land. There are no high-walled cities or giants in the way. Nobody is afraid of them. Nay, the inhabitants of the land, themselves, are calling and entreating us to come and bring them our King. Yet are we stand hesitating, or, rather, drawing back. It is a tremendous crisis. Nothing so fearful has ever before confronted the Church of God as the pending question, Will we obey the order, "Forward?" or not? Why not? Here lies the horror and shame of it. Israel had human reason to shrink from the danger and impossibilities confronting them. We have not even human reason to hesitate, our only reason is—oh, tell it not in Gath—it will cost money. We are not ready to spend a few paltry dollars for the redemption of the world, while we claim our own redemption at the price of the Blood of the son of God. Surely it is time for judgment to begin at the house of God. Shall the Church of God be again remanded to the wilderness, she has passed through to wander and



subject and hence more sifted of false profession by the death of all this generation, with its pride and power, leaving in her an afflicted and poor people who shall trust in the Lord and obey His voice.

Respectfully,

O. R. SAMPSON, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Rev. J. T. Tyner and O. R. Sampson and others, and then adopted.

On motion a delegate from each church was appointed to constitute a committee to select a missionary for the ensuing year.

The report on Periodicals being next in order was read by Bro. W. D. Oxendine, as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is a century in which people delight in reading matter, especially such as is of trifling merit. There are periodicals that sustain and defend the truth. We cannot emphasize too strongly the fact that it is the duty of our people to take and read all the good literature possible. We recommend the Biblical Recorder, published at Raleigh, as a faithful expounder of Baptist doctrine; also the North Carolina Baptist, published at Fayetteville, at \$1.00 a year.

Respectfully,

W. D. OXENDINE, Committee.

The report was spoken to by O. R. Sampson and J. W. Blanks and then adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions being next in order was read by Rev. J. J. Blanks, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is the command given by our Lord to His apostles over eighteen hundred years ago. The same command appeals to the Church of Christ to-day to send this glorious Gospel to every nook and corner inhabited by

rational beings. The spirit of missions is the very genius of Christianity. It speaks in every command and thrills in every emotion to convert the world to Christ. The Bible teaches us that there "is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons who needeth no repentance." Love to God and man, the inspiring motive of the Church of Christ, impels her to make incessant war upon the powers of sin and darkness. Unity is the desire of every Christian. The means of effecting this, to a great degree, is found in the spirit of missions, which every Christian should possess. The Burnt Swamp Association should unite with her sister associations in the support of the missionaries in foreign fields. Brethren, let us obey the Master's command.

Respectfully,

J. J. BLANKS, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Rev. J. J. Blanks and others and then adopted.

The committee to select a missionary for the next associational year reported that they had selected Rev. P. P. Locklear.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion the following named brethren, viz.: W. D. Oxendine, L. H. Hunt, J. W. Blanks, James E. Dial, McDuffie Cummins, Joseph Sampson, Sinclair Lowrie, N. P. Sanderson, Neill Hammons, Whit Hunt, W. W. Morgan, James Rodgers, Orren Oxendine, James Bryant, J. H. W. Smith, Frank Chavis were appointed to constitute a Home Mission Board. The board is requested to organize and report their organization to the Association before it adjourns.

On motion we call off until 1 o'clock to-morrow.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

THURSDAY, November 16, 1899.

The Association was called in session at 1 o'clock p. m. and business resumed.

The report on Education being in order, was read as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The object of all training and culture is to prepare man for his existence here and to live hereafter. If we would preserve our identity as a race we must be educated. Our greatest need to-day is not lawyers or doctors, but well qualified spiritual leaders. The need of education and training is being more fully realized in our daily transactions. We need educated men in the pulpit and in the school houses. We need them in the fields, and more especially do we need educated mothers in our homes. I trust that the brother preachers will encourage their congregations more in this one grand cause. We note with pleasure the interest that our people have taken in education in the past and hope for still greater in the future. Brethren, let us patronize and support our schools as the bulwark of our institutions, the inheritance of our children and the ladder which, like Jacob's, is at last to enable us to ascend with the angels into Heaven itself. Oh, divine knowledge, who would not reverence thee!

Respectfully,

A. S. LOCKLEAR, Committee.

On motion the report was received.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer made the following report:

Balance on hand from last year,	\$ 97
Received for minutes,	19 25
Received for Foreign Missions,	85
Total,	\$21 07

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Clerk,	\$ 6 00
Printing minutes,	12 50
Total,	\$18 50
Balance on hand,	2 57

Respectfully,

O. B. SAMPSON, Treasurer.

On motion the report was received.

On motion the Association appointed a treasurer for ministers' relief, church repairs, etc.

On motion it is ordered that all money raised for that purpose be placed in the hands of the treasurer of the Association. The deacons of the church shall look after the collecting of these funds.

The committee to examine church letters made the following report:

We have examined the church letters and find them approvable and recommend them to the Association. We have received \$22.85 for minute funds.

Respectfully,

W. D. OXENDINE, } Committee.
J. J. BELL, }

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

The Home Mission Board reported that they had organized, appointing Bro. S. Lowrie chairman, and Joseph Sampson secretary and treasurer.

On motion the board was authorized to direct the work of the missionary.

On motion it was ordered that we have four hundred minutes printed.

The committee to draw up a programme for next Association reported as follows:

Meet Tuesday at 11 o'clock—Introductory Sermon by Rev. Jordan Chavis.

At 12:30 o'clock—Come to Order for Business.

1st—Calling the Roll of Churches.

2nd—Receiving Letters and Enrolling Delegates.

3rd—Invitation to Corresponding Messengers, Visiting Brethren and Newly constituted Churches.

At 3:30 o'clock p.m.—Report on Temperance, by Rev. Gilbert Locklear.

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Wednesday — at 9.30 o'clock. One-half hour in
Praise and Praise Service.

At 10 o'clock a.m. — Report on Prayer Meetings, by
Rev. J. W. Huggins.

At 10.30 o'clock — Report on Home Missions, by W. D.
Grentham.

At 12 o'clock — Charitable Sermon, by Rev. Gilbert
Locklear.

At 1.30 o'clock — Report on General Education, by G.
R. Sampson.

At 2 o'clock — Report on Foreign Missions, by Rev. J.
J. Bull.

Then General Business.

Adjourn at will.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH SAMPSON, } Committee.
W. W. MORGAN, }

On motion the report was received and the commit-
tee discharged.

On motion a vote of thanks is due and hereby ten-
dered the good people of Burnt Swamp church for the
hospitable manner in which they have entertained the
Association during its session.

On motion we stand adjourned until time and
place of next meeting.

GILBERT LOCKLEAR, Moderator.

G. R. SAMPSON, Clerk and Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the confession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We therefore propose to keep the following plan of government:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments as delegates.

ART. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

ART. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

ART. 5. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen by the members present.

ART. 7. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship, PROVIDED, No newly constituted church shall be admitted within six miles of a Baptist church unless there is a swamp or creek to divide, unless a church of other denomination consents to turn over to the Baptists.

ART. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

ART. 9. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

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ART. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 12. We think it absolutely necessary, that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received, and paid out according to directions of the Association.

ART. 13. The annual session of the Association shall be on Tuesday before the third Sunday in November, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 14. The minutes when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have the book present at each annual session.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Clerk and Moderator before the Association adjourns.

ART. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may deem proper; 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper; 7. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 2. A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matters as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

ART. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from this body without permission from the Association.

ART. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.

ART. 8. No person shall engage in light and frivolous conversation, laughing, etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

ART. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other term than that of "Brother."

ART. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

ART. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall be the last to speak on a subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

ART. 13. Any member who shall knowingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it shall think proper.

ART. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS.

After prayer and praise services the Sunday School Association was called in session by Bro. W. D. Oxendine reading the 74th Psalm. Prayer by O. R. Sampson leading.

On motion the letters from the different Sunday Schools were read and delegates names enrolled as follows:

Burnt Swamp, Mary N. Wilkins, Winnie B. Lowrie and Sallie A. Wilkins; Mt. Olive, Riley Locklear, Atlas Locklear and Willis Locklear; Deep Branch, Joseph Sampson and James Sampson; Smyrna, W. W. Morgan and J. H. Hagans; Reedy Branch, L. H. Hunt, J. E. Hunt and J. W. Huggins; Harper's Ferry, S. Lowe, Ramsey Chavis; Amloch, J. H. W. Smith, Daniel Carter and S. J. Chavis.

On motion the proceedings of last meeting were read and approved.

The annual election of officers was held and Bro. W. D. Oxendine was elected chairman and A. A. Locklear clerk.

The query, "What kind of literature will promote the Sabbath School," being in order was discussed by Bro. O. R. Sampson, who recommended the Southern Baptist literature.

The subject, "What is the duty of teachers and superintendents of Sunday Schools," was very handsomely discussed by Revs. J. J. Blanks, J. W. Huggins and J. L. Bell, who made some good impressions on the Sunday school workers.

On motion Bro. O. R. Sampson was appointed Sunday School lecturer and colporter, and George J. Chavis Sunday school missionary.

On motion Sister Ruthie E. Oxendine was appointed collecting missionary for Sunday School work.

The brethren appointed to constitute a Sunday School Board reported that they had organized, appointing Rev. J. J. Bell chairman and A. A. Locklear secretary and treasurer.

Respectfully,

Joseph Sampson,
Atlas Locklear,
J. J. Bell,
L. H. Hunt,
A. A. Locklear,

Members of the Board.

On motion the committee to draw up a query for next Association reported as follows: "What is the duty of parents to the Sabbath School?" Led by Bro. O. R. Sampson.

2nd Query—"Is it right for the Church or Sunday School to take into their choirs as a member men or women who do not belong to some religious denomination?" Led by Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

Respectfully,

Joseph Sampson,
J. J. Blanks,
Committee.

On motion the report was received and committee discharged.

Minutes of Burnt Swamp Baptist Association

The Sunday Schools are all requested to be represented at the anniversary to be held at Burnt Swamp church on the 4th of July, 1900.

On motion the Association adjourn until time of next meeting.

W. D. OXENDINE, Chairman.

A. A. LOCKLEAR, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	Superintendents.	Bible Teacher.	No. Scholars.	Av. Attendance.	Quarterlies Taken.	Contributions.
Burnt Swamp.	A. A. Locklear.	W. D. Oxendine.	24	15	12	\$5 85
Lowdy Branch.	W. G. Hunt.	J. W. Huggins.	65	50	12	1 54
Deep Branch.	J. C. Clark.	Joseph Sampson.	23	18	12	1 37
Mt. Olive.	Willis Locklear.	E. A. Locklear.	60	40	12	10 12
Church.	A. Oarter.	R. E. Smith.	19	18	12	35
Martha Perry.	Wm. Lowrie.	O. R. Sampson.	55	40	12	5 00
Saffra.	J. H. Hagans.	W. W. Morgan.	38	30	12	98
Magnolia.	J. H. Hammon.	N. B. Harden.	65	25	12	1 12

All schools in the Association are requested to be represented in next Sunday School Association.

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-first Annual Session

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD AT

REEDY BRANCH CHURCH,

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.

November 13, 14 and 15, 1900.

The next annual session will be held at Harpers Ferry Church, Robeson county, N. C., commencing Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, 1901.

REV. GILBERT LOCKLEAR, Moderator, LOWE, N. C.

O. R. SAMPSON, Clerk and Treasurer, PATES, N. C.

Ordained Ministers and their Postoffices.

C. WILKINS	Moss Neck, N. C.
J. W. BLANKS	Rozier, N. C.
GILBERT LOCKLEAR	Lowe, N. C.
A. D. LOCKLEAR	Moss Neck, N. C.
WILLIAM SAMPSON	Moss Neck, N. C.
JORDAN CHAVIS	Clio, S. C.
J. J. BELL	Rozier, N. C.
Z. B. BROOKS	Pates, N. C.
J. J. BLANKS	Lumberton, N. C.
F. P. LOCKLEAR	Moss Neck, N. C.
N. P. SANDERSON	Hasty, N. C.
C. D. HUNT	Grady, N. C.

LICENTIATES :

J. C. CLARK,	J. W. HUGGINS,
SINCLAIR LOWRIE,	GEORGE J. CHAVIS,
WESLEY CLARK,	NEILL HUNT,
ARCHIE BULLARD,	W. M. OXENDINE,
RUFUS WOODEL,	N. O. HUNT,
L. W. GRAVES.	

CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND SUNDAYS OF PREACHING.

Burnt Swamp	A. D. Locklear	
Reedy Branch	J. J. Bell	First.
Magnolia	E. D. Hunt	First.
Mount Olive	J. W. Blanks	Second.
Deep Branch	J. W. Blanks	Fourth.
Bar Swamp	J. T. Tyner	First.
Harpers Ferry	A. D. Locklear	Third.
Oak Grove	Jordan Chavis	Fourth.
Mount Moriah	E. D. Hunt	Third.
Piney Grove	William Sampson	Third.
Mount Elin	Jordan Chavis	Third.
Smyrna	William Sampson	First.
Antioch	J. J. Bell	Second.
Cheerful Hope	N. O. Hunt	Second.

Deacons of the Churches and their Post-offices.

Burnt Swamp	W. D. Oxendine	Moss Neck, N. C.
Reedy Branch	J. E. Hunt	Iona, N. C.
Reedy Branch	W. G. Hunt	Iona, N. C.
Magnolia	T. H. Hammons	Rozier, N. C.
Mount Olive	J. E. Dial	Lumberton, N. C.
Deep Branch	Joseph Sampson	Moss Neck, N. C.
Bear Swamp	W. H. Godwin	Moss Neck, N. C.
Harpers Ferry	S. Lowrie	Pates, N. C.
Oak Grove	Wesley Clark	Hasty, N. C.
Mount Moriah	H. T. Jones	Lumberton, N. C.
Piney Grove	R. H. Hunt	McArthurs, N. C.
Smyrna	J. H. Hagans	Allenton, N. C.
Mount Elim	James Bryant	Clio, S. C.
Antioch	J. H. Smith	St. Pauls, N. C.
Cheerful Hope	Archie Clark	McColl, S. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

The delegates and visitors to the Twenty-first Annual Session of Burnt Swamp Baptist Association assembled in the meeting house at Reedy Branch, at eleven o'clock, Tuesday, November 13th, 1900, to listen to the introductory sermon delivered by Rev. Jordan Chavis, from the 5th Chapter and 19th Verse of John, "Behold the Man." At the conclusion of a very strong Gospel sermon, the congregation was dismissed until one o'clock p. m., during which time the sisters prepared a bountiful dinner which was enjoyed by all present.

The Moderator called the association in session at one o'clock, reading the 84th Psalm, prayer by Brother Lynner leading. By motion the roll of churches

called and a majority present. Brothers present were J. W. Blanks, J. J. Bell and S. T. Strickland and W. D. Oxendine. By motion the delegates received and examined charges from the churches.

By motion the children of the churches were called and the delegates' names enrolled as follows:

- Burnt Swamp—A. D. Locklear, A. G. Jones and J. E. Hunt.
Reedy Branch—W. G. Hunt, J. W. Hugson and J. E. Hunt.
Magnolia—J. W. Blanks, J. J. Bell and S. T. Strickland.
Mt. Olive—Willis Locklear, Daniel Locklear and John Sampson.
Oak Grove—E. F. Sanderson, O. P. Sanderson and M. C. Clark.
Bear Swamp—W. H. Godwin, N. O. Cummins and Fletcher Hunt.
Harpers Ferry—Calvin Oxendine, P. Chavis and S. Lowrie.
Oak Grove—N. P. Sanderson, W. M. Pate and S. T. Strickland.
Mount Moriah—H. T. Jones, E. F. Worick and J. H. Hammons.
Piney Grove—Archie Locklear, Reden Hunt and Dock Hunt.
Smyrna—John Fields, J. H. Hagans and W. W. Morgan.
Antioch—J. H. W. Smith, A. Chavis and S. J. Chavis.
Mount Elin—Ellis Clark.
Cheerful Hope—Kenneth Smith, Frank Chavis and Arch Chavis.

The annual election of officers was held and Rev. Gilbert Locklear was elected Moderator and O. R. Sampson Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business, and extended an invitation to visiting brethren, corresponding messengers and new churches. Brother William Cobb, from the Lumber River Association, was recognized as a visiting brother and made welcome to a seat. By motion the association called off business until to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Bro. J. C. Clark was appointed to conduct prayer and praise service in the morning at 9:30 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, WEDNESDAY 14TH.


The Moderator called the association in session at 10 o'clock a. m., and resumed business. Names of delegates were called and a majority found present. The Moderator renewed the invitation to visitors and messengers. The hour having arrived for the report on temperance it was read by Rev. Gilbert Locklear as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a virtue, since it calls the will into play and makes us the masters rather than the slaves of appetite. A temperate person is always at his best. He can work hard, study hard and have a clear head because he has a surplus of vitality to throw into whatever he undertakes. Best of all he is happy. Every Christian should live a temperate life. The evils of intemperance can hardly be stated in terms too strong. It darkens the face of the whole world. It destroys health and life, it weakens the will, it ruins the body and degrades the soul. It incites to crime. It impoverishes the family and desolates the home. It imperils every human interest and throws a shadow over every prospect of life. Touch not, taste not, the unclean thing is the motto for the young who would escape this pernicious and dangerous habit.

Respectfully,
GILBERT LOCKLEAR, Committee.

The report was discussed by Revs. Gilbert Locklear, Blanks and J. T. Tyner, and then adopted.

 The report on prayer meeting being next in order, it was read by Bro. J. W. Huggins, and was as follows:

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

We do not expect, in prayer, to inform God as to our needs. Our Father "Knoweth what things we are in need of before we ask him." Yet it is some times proper to express our needs so as to feel them more sensibly ourselves. There is no substitute for prayer. When we cease to pray we cease to live spiritually. "Men ought always to pray and not to faint," is the injunction of the Holy Writ. A revival in a church is not worked out nor sung out, but is prayed down from Heaven. We therefore recommend that each church in this association strive to maintain a live prayer meeting in their midst.

Respectfully,

J. W. HUGGINS, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Revs. J. W. Huggins and J. J. Bell, and then adopted.

A committee, consisting of Joseph Sampson, Rufus Woodell and A. D. Locklear, were appointed to draw up a programme for the next association.

Bro. N. P. Sanderson was granted a leave of absence on account of sickness in his family.

The association called off for the charitable sermon which was delivered by Rev. Gilbert Locklear, at twelve o'clock. After the sermon a collection amounting to \$3.52 was taken for Rev. C. Wilkins, the oldest minister in the association.

The congregation was then dismissed until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the association in session and

resumed business. The report on Foreign Missions being in order, it was read by Rev. J. J. Bell, and was as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command of the Lord Jesus Christ on his departure from the world was to go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every nation. To go ye, is the spirit of every Christian. This association might be illustrated as a mighty machine shop full of wheels, pulleys, belts and levers, in full blast, operated under a mighty power, causing every wheel, pulley and lever to move with perfect precision in order to accomplish one great end and purpose. The holy spirit is the power that influences and sets the churches in operation, each member taking the place of wheel, pulley, belt or lever in the great mission movement of the church in christianizing the sinful mass of humanity; lifting up the brazen serpent to a dying world, that whosoever looks may live. It is under the power of the holy spirit, that the churches are able to unfold the white flag of peace and pardon to the perishing nations of the earth. Its daily avocation is to see that the message of salvation is put in reach of every dying man. Her object is the moral deliverance of a lost world. The missionary spirit is not like the flower that blooms in the desert, giving its fragrance to the barren air, but shedding its healing power over the human race, like the sun that rises from her oriental bed, smiling and radiating and throwing the beauty of her lustre on all nature, cheering and refreshing as she goes on her journey. The Burnt Swamp Association is a factor in this great work, and each church is requested to take a collection at least twice a year for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully,

J. J. BELL, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Rev. J. J. Bell and A. S. Locklear and then adopted.

Collections were ordered to be taken up at each church for Foreign Missions.

Report on Home Mission being next in order, was read by Bro. W. D. Oxendine, and was as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSION.

The Home Mission field embraces Robeson and adjoining counties of North and South Carolina. Its work is spreading the gospel among the scattered tribes of the Croatan Indians to be found in various sections of the State. The Burnt Swamp Association has proven a great benefactor in the moral and religious development of these people. The growth and expansion of this association depends largely on the mission work. Brethren, let us unclog the mission wheel and push it forward with greater zeal by giving our means to support a missionary in the field. The field is white unto harvest, the cry for reapers is heard, but cannot be answered without a working fund. We, therefore, appeal to the churches for more funds to carry on the work.

Respectfully,
W. D. OXENDINE, Committee.

The report was discussed by Bro. W. D. Oxendine and others and then adopted.

On motion, a member from each church to constitute committee to select a missionary for the ensuing year, was appointed.

The committee to examine church letters and finances made the following report :

Received for minutes -----	\$21.96
Home Missions -----	2.17

We find that seven of our members have been removed by death since our last meeting. We find the church letters in good condition and recommend them to the association.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH SAMPSON,
W. D. OXENDINE,
Committee.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

The committee to select a missionary made the following report:

We have selected Brother Rufus Woodel for missionary for this year.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion the association suspended business until to-morrow. Brother Jordan Chavis was appointed to conduct prayer and praise service in the morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION, THURSDAY, NOV. 15TH.

The Moderator called the association to order for business at 2 o'clock p. m.

The report on education being in order was read by Bro. O. R. Sampson, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The fundamental duty that each one owes to himself is to make the most of his faculties. To become as large and helpful a part of the world in which he lives as it is in his power to become. While it is true that one may have greater natural capacity and more favorable opportunities for development than another, the dullest mind under any circumstances, if normally constituted, is capable of growth. If we bring the talents with which we are naturally endowed, be they one or ten, into the best possible relations with the materials out of which our life is to be developed we can do no more. Education then becomes the first duty we owe ourselves. The true end of education is to unfold and direct aright our whole nature. Its office is to call forth powers of every kind. Power of thought, affection, will and outward action, power to observe, to reason, to judge, to construe, power to adopt good ends firmly and to pursue them effectively, power to govern ourselves and to influence others, power to gain and spread happiness. Education is the harmonious development of body, mind, and soul. Our duty is to bring each one to its fullest development so as to make their union into self as perfect and as complete as possible. We note with pleasure the interest manifested during the past year in educational work and look for still greater in the future. We would urge that the young men and ladies of this association use every possible means to secure a liberal education.

Respectfully,

O. R. SAMPSON, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Bro. O. R. Sampson and Rufus Woodel, and then adopted.

The invitations for the next meeting of the association considered, and the meeting ordered to be held with the church at Harpers Ferry. On motion, the association will convene Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, instead of Tuesday before the third as heretofore.

Be it resolved by the Association in session assembled, that each church belong to the Association be, and is hereby, recommended to select pastors, where it is practicable, from the ministers who are members of the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand from last year	\$ 2.57
Received from finance committee	22.85
Total	<u>\$25.42</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For printing minutes	\$14.50
Clerk's salary	8.85
Total	<u>\$23.35</u>
Balance on hand	\$ 2.07

O. R. SAMPSON, Treasurer.

On motion the report was received.

The Treasurer of the Home Mission Board made the following report :

Received during this associational year \$13.11, paid missionary \$1.00. Balance on hand, \$12.11. Work of missionary reported to the Board--preached thirty-six sermons in the bounds of the association and collected \$9.00. Preached one sermon in a destitute place for which he received \$1.00 from the Board.

JOSEPH SAMPSON,
Treasurer of Home Mission Board.

On motion the report was received and the Board continued.

The report on periodicals not having been prepared the Clerk was ordered to recommend the North Carolina Baptist, published at Fayetteville, Biblical Recorder, published at Raleigh, and the Southern Baptist Literature for the Sunday Schools.

Report of program committee for next session:

Meet Tuesday at 11 o'clock—Introductory sermon by Rev. P. P. Locklear.

At 1 o'clock—Come to order for business.

1st—Calling the Roll of Churches.

2nd—Receiving Church Letters and enrolling Delegates.

3rd—Invitation to Visiting Brothers, Corresponding Messengers and Newly Constituted Churches.

At 3:30 o'clock, p. m.—Report on Pastoral Support, by W. D. Oxendine.

Wednesday meet at 9:30 o'clock. One-half hour in prayer and praise service at 10 o'clock.

Report on Temperance by Rev. J. J. Bell at 11 a. m.

Report on Prayer Meeting by W. W. Morgan at 1 o'clock p. m.

Report on Home Missions by O. R. Sampson at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Report on General Education by A. S. Locklear Thursday at 10 o'clock.

Report on Sabbath Schools by Joseph Sampson at 11 o'clock.

Report on Periodicals by Rev. Gilbert Locklear at 12 o'clock.

Charitable sermon by Rev. J. W. Blanks.

Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment at will.

JOSEPH SAMPSON,

RUFUS WOODEL,

A. D. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion it was agreed to pay the Clerk the same salary this year as last.

The unfinished business was left in the hands of the Moderator and the Clerk.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the good people of Reedy Branch church for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the association in its present session.

On motion the association adjourned until time of next meeting.

O. R. SAMPSON,

REV. GILBERT LOCKLEAR,

Moderator.

Clerk and Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the confession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We therefore propose to keep the following plan of government:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments as delegates.

ART. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

ART. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

ART. 5. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen by the members present.

ART. 7. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship. PROVIDED, No newly constituted church shall be admitted within six miles of a Baptist church, unless there is a swamp or creek to divide, unless a church of other denomination consents to turn over to the Baptists.

ART. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

ART. 9. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and before it be debated the Moderator

shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for it being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute, voluntarily, such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received, and paid out according to directions of the Association.

ART. 13. The annual session of the Association shall be on Tuesday before the third Sunday in November, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have the book present at each annual session.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Clerk and Moderator before the Association adjourns.

ART. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To enquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper. 7. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

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ART. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it shall think proper.

ART. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Proceedings.

THURSDAY, November 15th, 1900.

After prayer and praise service, conducted by Brother Jordan Chavis, the Sunday School Association was called to order by Chairman W. D. Oxendine, reading the 100th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Joseph Oxendine.

The roll of Sunday Schools was called and a quorum found present. Bros. John Sampson and J. W. Huggins were appointed a Committee of Finance.

On motion the Sunday School letters were called for and read, and delegates' names enrolled as follows: Burnt Swamp, A. A. Locklear, F. E. Oxendine and Rodiey Wilkins; Mt. Olive, J. A. Locklear, R. S. Revels and Jno. Sampson; Magnolia, not represented; Reedy Branch, J. W. Huggins and J. E. Hunt; Mt. Moriah, H. T. Jones, E. F. Worick and J. H. Hammons; Antioch, A. Chavis, J. H. W. Smith and S. J. Chavis; Deep Branch, William Locklear, Ruthie E. Oxendine and Fannie Sampson; Bear Swamp, Fletcher Locklear and Ruthie Cummins; Harpers Ferry, P. Chavis, Rufus Woodel and S. Lowrie; Myrna, John Fields, W. W. Morgan and J. H. Hagans; Oak Grove, William Locklear.

The annual election of officers was held, and W. D. Oxendine was elected Chairman and O. R. Sampson Secretary.

The Chairman declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to Sunday Schools desiring to join.

The Sunday School at Oak Grove came forward with a letter and was admitted as a member.

Sisters Ruthie E. Oxendine and Frances E. Oxendine were appointed to draw up a programme for next Association.

On motion it was agreed that the meetings of the Sunday School Association be held separate from those of the regular Association.

Brothers J. H. W. Smith, J. W. Huggins, James Locklear and W. W. Morgan were appointed to set the time for next meeting.

The query, "What is the Duty of Parent to Sabbath School," was discussed by O. R. Sampson and W. D. Oxendine.

On motion the second query was omitted from the programme.

The committee to fix the time for next meeting made the following report: Meet Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1901.

The Lecturer reports the schools in good condition, well organized with splendid choirs and good teachers, and well supplied with good literature.

The Finance Committee made the following report: Received for minutes, \$1.36. The report was received and the committee discharged.

Bro. W. D. Oxendine was appointed Lecturer for the Sunday Schools for the ensuing year.

Sister Ruthie E. Oxendine was appointed Treasurer for the Sunday School Association.

On motion the committee to draw up a programme for next session made the following report:

PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Prayer and praise service at 9:30 o'clock.

General business at 10 o'clock.

Query "What Influence Should the Sunday School Wield on Little Ones," discussed by O. R. Sampson at 11 o'clock.

At 12 o'clock sermon by Rev. J. W. Huggins.

Second query, "What is the Best Attitude for the Sunday School," discussed by Rev. J. E. Hunt at 1:30 o'clock.

We recommend J. W. Huggins for Missionary in the Sunday School.

Respectfully

RUTHIE E. OXENDINE,

FRANCES E. OXENDINE,

Committee.

On motion it was decided that the next session be held with the church at Mt. Moriah.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at the stated time.

W. D. OXENDINE,

Secretary.

Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS	Superintendents.	Bible Teacher.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.	Quarterlies Taken.	Contributions.
Burnt Swamp	A. A. Locklear	W. D. Oxendine	24	16	12	\$5 85
Reedy Branch	W. G. Hunt	J. W. Huggins			10	1 87
Deep Branch	Joseph Sampson	Jos. Sampson	25	18	20	40
Mt. Olive	John Sampson	Jos. Sampson	51			50
Magnolia	T. H. Hammons					
Mt. Moriah	H. T. Jones	J. H. Hammons	39		20	2 25
Antioch	J. H. W. Smith	J. H. Hammons	26	19	12	
Harpers Ferry	W. M. Lowrie	O. R. Sampson	40	25	15	7 00
Oak Grove	Andrew Locklear	S. T. Strickland	36	20		1 20
Bear Swamp	McDuffie Cummins	W. H. Godwin	43	25	10	72
Smyrna	W. W. Morgan	J. H. Hagans	37	20	5	2 91

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Church Expenses.	Benevolence.	Home Missions.	Minutes.	Ministerial Relief.
Burnt Swamp	11		9		1	1	58	29	97	\$22.00	\$	\$.00	\$ 1.98	\$ 2.70
Magnolia	3						36	36	72		\$ 9.28	\$.75	\$ 1.70	
Mt. Olive	1				1	1	45	45	90			\$ 1.00	\$ 2.51	
Reedy Branch	12		2		10	1	37	60	106	2.50				
Rear Swamp	3		2		3	1	30	30	60	9.75				
Harpers Ferry	3	1	2		10		22	25	47	15.00				
Deep Branch	3				8		30	29	59			1.05		
Oak Grove	3				1		13	44	57	1.12		1.42		
Piney Grove	1				1		15	35	50			1.00		
Mt. Moriah	1		1		1		13	29	42	11.90		1.80		
Mt. Elin	1		1		1		13	24	37					
Smyrna	1		1		1		15	16	31	80	2.13			
Antioch	1		1		1		15	14	29					
Cheerful Hope	1		1		1		17	10	27					
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OF THE

Twenty-Second Annual Session

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

HARPERS FERRY CHURCH,

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 29, 30 and 31, 1901.

The next annual session will be held at Piney Grove church, Robeson county, N. C., commencing Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, 1902.

Rev. Gilbert Locklear, Moderator, Lowndes Co., Ga.
O. R. Sampson, Clerk and Treasurer, Pates, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

C. WILKINS	Moss Neck, N. C.
J. W. BLANKS	Rozier, N. C.
GILBERT LOCKLEAR	Lowe, N. C.
A. D. LOCKLEAR	Moss Neck, N. C.
WILLIAM SAMPSON	Moss Neck, N. C.
JORDAN CHAVIS	Clio, S. C.
JOHN J. BELL	Rozier, N. C.
Z. B. BROOKS	Pates, N. C.
JOHN J. BLANKS	Lumberton, N. C.
P. P. LOCKLEAR	Moss Neck, N. C.
NEILL P. SANDERSON	Stewart, N. C.
E. D. HUNT	Grady, N. C.
W. R. WOODDELL	Elrod, N. C.
JOHN C. CLARK	Grady, N. C.
WILLIAM HAMMONS	Rozier, N. C.
J. W. HUGGINS	McDonalds, N. C.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND SUNDAYS OF PREACHING.

Burnt Swamp,	D. A. Locklear,	First.
Reedy Branch,	J. W. Blanks,	First.
Magnolia,	John C. Clark,	First.
Mt. Olive,	J. W. Blanks,	Second.
Deep Branch,	Gilbert Locklear,	Fourth.
Harpers Ferry,	A. D. Locklear,	Third.
Bear Swamp,	J. T. Tyner,	First.
Oak Grove,	Gilbert Locklear,	Fourth.
Piney Grove,	W. M. Sampson,	Third.
Mt. Moriah,	E. D. Hunt,	Third.
Smyrna,	W. M. Sampson,	First.
Antioch,	John J. Bell,	Second.
Ashpole,	J. W. Huggins,	Second.
Pleasant View,	J. W. Blanks,	Fourth.

DEACONS OF THE CHURCHES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Burnt Swamp,	Evander Lowrie,	Buie, N. C.
Reedy Branch,	W. G. Hunt,	McDonalds, N. C.
Magnolia,	T. H. Hammons,	Rozier, N. C.
Mt. Olive,	J. E. Dial,	Lumberton, N. C.
Deep Branch,	Joseph Sampson,	Moss Neck, N. C.
Bear Swamp,	W. H. Godwin,	Moss Neck, N. C.
Harpers Ferry,	Aaron Brooks,	Pates, N. C.
Oak Grove,	Wesley Clark,	Hasty, N. C.
Piney Grove,	W. H. Hunt,	McArthurs, N. C.
Mt. Moriah	-----	-----
Smyrna,	J. H. Hagans,	Allenton, N. C.
Antioch,	J. H. W. Smith,	St. Pauls, N. C.
Ashpole,	-----	-----
Pleasant View.	-----	-----

LICENTIATES.

Sinclair Lowrie, W. M. Oxendine, Wesley Clark, George
J. Chavis, Neill Hunt.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-second annual session of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association convened with the church at Harpers Ferry, Robeson county, Tuesday, October 29th, 1901.

The weather was fine and by 11 o'clock a large congregation had assembled to listen to the introductory sermon, delivered by Rev. P. P. Locklear, taking as a text, "For unto us a child is born," Isaiah 9:6. At the conclusion of a very strong Gospel sermon, the congregation was dismissed for one hour. The contents of a large number of baskets were now spread and all enjoyed a good dinner.

The Association was called in session at 2 o'clock p. m., by the Moderator reading the 40th Psalm; hymn 640 was sung and prayer offered. By motion the roll of churches was called and a majority present. Bros. Joseph Sampson and J. J. Bell were appointed committee to receive and examine church letters and finances. The church letters were called for and delegates' names enrolled as follows: Burnt Swamp, A. D. Locklear, W. D. Oxendine and James Locklear; Reedy Branch, W. G. Hunt, J. W. Huggins, and Hector Hunt; Magnolia, J. W. Blanks, J. J. Bell, and John J. Blanks; Mt. Olive, James Locklear, Riley Locklear, and Willis Locklear; Deep Branch, J. C. Blark, Joseph Sampson, and W. F. Sampson; Bear Swamp, McDuffie Cummins, W. H. Godwin, and Fletcher Locklear; Harpers Ferry, Pasley M. Sanderson, S. Lowrie, and A. N. Locklear; Oak Grove, Gilbert Locklear, N. P. Sanderson, and Wesley Clark; Mt. Moriah, James K. Chavis, S. B. Carter, and Daniel Godwin; Piney Grove, W. B. Oxendine, O. B. Barnes, and

Daniel Jones; Symrna, John W. Hagans, H. A. Morgan, and W. W. Morgan; Antioch, A. Chavis, J. H. W. Smith, and Hughey Smith.

The annual election of officers was taken up and Rev. Gilbert Locklear was elected Moderator and O. R. Sampson Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting brethren, corresponding messengers, and newly constituted churches. The new churches—Ashpole and Pleasant View, presented petitionary letters for admittance into the Association. An investigation showed the churches in good standing and by motion the petitions were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates, making them welcome to a seat in the Association.

The members of Harpers Ferry church were appointed a committee of vigilance during the sitting of the Association, also the clerk and deacons of above named church to act as committee of arrangements. The churches at Mt. Elim and Cheerful Hope not being represented, the Moderator informed the Association that he had investigated the condition of these two churches and found that they have departed from the Baptist Rules of faith and become unorthodox in principle. By motion the Association withdrew fellowship from them until they reformed. By motion a standing committee was appointed for the purpose of examining and setting apart applicants for the ministry. Bros. Joseph Sampson, A. N. Locklear, O. R. Sampson, McDuffie Cummins and Hughey Smith were appointed to select the committee. The Committee of Arrangement made the following report:

Rev. J. J. Bell preach to-night, aided by Rev. J. C. Clark. Rev. J. W. Blanks preach to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

By motion the report was received and committee con-

tinued. The committee to select a Standing Committee made the following report:

We have selected Revs. J. W. Blanks, Gilbert Locklear and Wm. Sampson as Standing Committee. We recommend that all applicants for the ministry shall conform at least to the standard laid down in the New Testament, and no applicant shall be set apart as a minister who does not sustain a good christian repute of those who are without, and with liberal education.

We also recommend that this committee be guided in their work by the standard as taught in the Bible. All applicants for the ministry in this association shall be examined by this committee.

Should a vacancy occur by death, resignation or otherwise, the committee has power to appoint a successor to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully,

Joseph Sampson, A. N. Locklear, O. R. Sampson, McDuffie Cummins and Hughey Smith, Committee.

By motion the report was received and committee discharged. Report on Pastoral Support being next in order was read as follows:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

It is an obligation assumed by every church member to support a faithful minister in their bounds. If this obligation was faithfully carried out, there would be no need of comment on this subject, but alas, like many other duties, it is too often neglected. The Bible very emphatically presses this duty upon us as christians. He that watereth others, himself shall be watered. He that withholdeth from others shall soon dry up his own fountain. Brethren let us rally to the support of our pastors, and God will bless us.

Respectfully,

O. R. SAMPSON.

By motion the report was adopted. Rev. J. W. Huggins was appointed to conduct prayer and praise services to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock. By motion we call off until time stated above. Benediction by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, October 30.

After prayer and praise services conducted by Rev. J.

W. Huggins, the Moderator called the association in session, reading the 116th Psalm, hymn 653 was sung and prayer offered. The roll of delegates were called and a majority found present. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The Moderator declares the house ready for business and renews the invitation to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers. The report on Temperance being next in order was read by Rev. J. J. Bell as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The feeling in favor of total abstinence from strong drink is rapidly growing. By the efforts and self sacrifice of tens of thousands, a strong public sentiment is being formed like a mighty breakwater. An arrest is being placed on the onward march of drunkenness and many a barque battered by the fury of passion and self-indulgence is safely moored in the haven's shelter, from utter ruin and able to repair its terrible wreck. Happy are we, who live in such a time. Let us do our best to build our few stones into this great breakwater which is only made up by the smallest work of unknown and soon forgotten builders. It is time for every thoughtful person to enter a solemn protest against strong drink, which every year is inflicting such awful havoc among our race. Who can be indifferent to the woes it brings on hearts and homes, on villages and towns, on countries and continents?

There is not a home in which you may not find its stain. There is not a newspaper that does not record its diabolical outrage. There is not a public officer that could not but bear damaging evidence against it. Alcohol is no more necessary to health than any other chemical or medical agent; it excites the heart, hinders digestion, disturbs the liver, stupefies the brain. It stimulates and gives momentary glow, but you pay for it afterwards by the immutable loss of vital health and mental force. It would be a perfect regulation to some one, who reads these words, if they would give total abstinence a trial.

Respectfully,

J. J. BELL, Committee.

The report was discussed by Revs. J. J. Bell, J. W. Blanks and others, and then adopted.

The association called off until 1:30 o'clock. At 12

o'clock, according to appointment, Rev. J. W. Blank's preached to a large congregation from Jona 2:9—"I will pay that that I have vowed, salvation is of the Lord." After which dinner was served.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the expiration of recess the Moderator called the association in session and resumed business. The report on Prayer Meeting being next in order was read by W. W. Morgan as follows:

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

Prayer is a part of the worship which God expects from his creatures. Ask, says He, and you shall receive. Seek, says He, and you shall find, knock he adds, and it shall be opened unto you. This is the voice of a father. Now would any man that had the heart of a parent give his hungry, dying child a stone when he asked for bread, surely not, and would God the father of all flesh do otherwise. His word says no; His spirit says no; His church says no and His own eternal and loving nature says no. God the father will for Christ's sake, for His own namesake and for His truth sake, give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. As God has graciously promised to give salvation to every soul that comes unto Him through his son and has put His spirit into their hearts, inducing them to cry unto Him incessantly for it. The goodness of His nature and the promise of His grace, binds Him to hear the prayers they offer unto Him and to grant them all that salvation, which He has led them by His promise and spirit to request. Brethren let us attend our prayer meetings.

Respectfully,

W. W. MORGAN, Committee.

By motion the report was adopted.

Bros. Joseph Sampson, W. F. Sampson and A. N. Locklear were appointed committee to draw up a programme for next session. The report on Home Mission being next in order was read by O. R. Sampson as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Christianity is the most emphatic missionary force in the world, and

every Christian church is a divinely appointed missionary society of the primitive type. If every church was imbued with the spirit of its divine head no other force would be needed to send the Gospel of the blessed God to the ends of the earth. In apostolic history no others were known and yet they went everywhere preaching Christ and filled the world with the Gospel of His salvation.

The specific but limited work of Burnt Swamp Association is spreading the gospel among the Croatan Indians of North and South Carolina. We note with pleasure some good work which has been done along the mission line this year. We give below Report of Missionary as follows:

To 22nd annual session of Burnt Swamp Association, Greeting: Dear brethren, I have been engaged in the work of the Lord as much as I was able. 1st, number of sermons preached at destitute places 12. 2nd, amount of collection received \$200. 3rd, number of Sunday schools organized 2, both good. 4th, number of sermons preached at constituted churches, 11. Amount of collections \$200.

Dear brethren I find great need of a missionary in the field and a good opening for him in our own and adjoining counties. I do not claim to have discharged my duty as missionary for these reasons: 1st, the lack of means. 2nd, not having the co-operation of the churches, but feel that I have done the best I could under existing circumstances. So dear brethren pray for me that I may grow stronger in the works of the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

W. R. WOODDELL, Missionary.

Other mission work reported as follows:

Rev. J. W. Blanks preached 14 sermons, Baptised 9 and constituted 1 church—Pleasant View. Rev. J. W. Huggins preached 12 sermons, received 5 members in the church, aided in raising and constituting Ashpole church.

The report was discussed by O. R. Sampson, and then adopted. At the conclusion of the speech, pledges amounting to \$36.00 were taken for mission work. The association appointed Bros. A. N. Locklear, W. F. Sampson and McDuffie Cummins to arrange settlement with the missionary. The location of next session of the association was taken up and located at Piney Grove church, Robeson county, N. C., commencing Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, 1902.

The Committee of Arrangement made the following report: Rev. A. D. Locklear preach to-night at early candle light. By motion the report was received and committee discharged.

The committee to arrange settlement with the missionary reported as follows: We have decided to pay Bro. W. R. Woodell \$8.00 for his services as missionary for the past year. By motion the report was received.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

Received for minutes \$18.06. We find from statistics of church letters the addition to churches \$5 Lost 57, showing a gain of 28 members. We find the letters in good shape and recommend them to the association.

JOSEPH SAMPSON,

J. J. BELL,

Committee.

By motion the report was received.

Bros. Joseph Sampson, A. S. Locklear, O. R. Sampson, A. N. Locklear and W. G. Hunt, were appointed to devise plans for the mission work for the ensuing year.

Bro. W. W. Morgan was appointed to conduct prayer and praise service to-morrow at 9 o'clock. By motion the association called off until time stated.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, Nov. 31.

After prayer and praise service conducted by Bro. Edward Sampson, the Moderator called the association in session and resumed business.

Names of delegates called and a majority present. The minutes of yesterday were approved. The Moderator renewed the invitation to visiting brethren and Corresponding Messengers. Report on Periodicals being in order was read by Rev. Gilbert Locklear as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We recommend to the members of this association such literature as would be elevating, both spiritual and temporal. The North Carolina Baptist, published at Fayetteville, N. C., and the Biblical Recorder, published at Raleigh, N. C.; are organs of the denomination and are instructive and helpful both in church and Sunday school work. We therefore urge our brethren and sisters to patronize these publications.

Respectrully,

GILBERT LOCKLEAR, Committee

Remarks were made upon the subject by Rev. J. W. Blanks and the Moderator, and then adopted.

The committee to arrange plans for the mission work, made the following report:

We recommend the following plan:

- 1 That we put a missionary in the field
- 2 That we pay him \$75.00 for his services as missionary for the year, 1902.
3. That each church in the association have a Missionary Rally on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1902.
4. The missionary is required to devote, at least, one-half of his time to the work.
- 5 Should he receive any voluntary contribution, he shall report same to the Association. He shall also make an itemized statement of his work.

Respectfully,

Joseph Sampson, A. S. Locklear, O. R. Sampson, A. N. Locklear
and W. G. Hunt, Committee.

By motion the report was received and the committee discharged. Rev. J. J. Bell was put before the house and unanimously elected missionary for the year 1902.

The report on Education being in order was read by Bro. A. S. Locklear as follows:

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

The Missionary Baptist church in North Carolina is just what she is all over the world. In obedience to the command of her divine head, and by the thrusting on of divine providence from yonder as-

cension summit where the Lord's feet kissed the green earth in that farewell of centuries as he went up with a victorious shout to occupy the throne till his enemies be made His footstool, sounds down through the ages, still our marching orders. Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature; go ye therefore and teach all nations baptising them in the name of the father son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

As a church we have accepted this divine commission. Thus authorized and under obligations, there was nothing left for us but to invade all lands and combat all stubborn prejudice and deeply seated superstitions and run this world down and capture it for the King. We believe the creed of the fathers and inheriting the same spirit which animated the founder of the Missionary Baptist church. We claim each for himself, my parish is the world. This original divine commission and the earnest aggressive spirit which has characterized the true church of Jesus in all times indicate to us a divine right and obligation to all territory, occupy all lands, lay siege to all strongholds and capture all hearts. Geographical and political lines are not to be considered. The empire of truth and true religion is universal. Its realm is the intellectual and spiritual world, bounded only by the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

All nationalities and races, representatives of all shades of politics and systems of government are divinely called to citizenship in this great realm. The agencies employed go by divine right into all the world cross all lines enter all spheres and press the claims of the one true God upon all men everywhere. So the Missionary Baptist church is here what she is everywhere a body of baptized believers in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we are going to remain here intent on the king's business and determined to push the battle as long as the state holds one stronghold of satan undemolished or one soul unsaved. The work of the church is divided into two distinct branches. The regular church work and its educational work. We purpose in this report to attract the favorable attention of our people to the educational work of our churches or perhaps more correctly the great need of education in our church work. We do not believe that any adequate thought or prayer has yet been given by our people to this department of our work. Indeed we fear that the general church has yet to work up to a just appreciation of what may be properly called Christian Education. The bearing of the work of education upon the progress of religion, the relation of the school to the great scheme of redemption, the sublimity of its office work and power.

These are themes which although sufficient to profoundly stir and thrill the exalted intelligence of heaven, but too little occupy the

thoughts and hearts of men. Things that are seen, trade, speculation politics, the pleasures of sense and fashion, the constant changes of the times and the petty swell of each days small excitements, these need no trumpet notes to attract our attention or symbol clang to direct our thoughts and conciliate our esteem. Alas, they plead but too eloquently for their own and find within us heart, but too easily charmed with the spell-like plea, not so with the concerns of the mind and soul, lying beneath the surface hidden away from casual observation, receive but little attention. It requires the most persuasive eloquence to attract for them even a passing notice or awaken a momentary concern.

The wise man has said, wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom. It is the grandest of human achievements. The human soul was made for knowledge. As the eye is made for sight or the ear for hearing, and as by disuse the eye would loose its sight and the ear its power of hearing, so the mind if not nourished by vital knowledge would sink into obscurity. Knowledge nourishes the life of humanity and directly heralds all human progress. Without it there would be no advancement, no civilization and husbandry of the earth, no mastery over the elements and forces of nature, no unearthing and utilizing of buried treasures or none of the hundred fold mechanical contrivances for the services of men. All these would fade away in the arms of ignorance. It is a very narrow idea that the gospel would proscribe the pursuits of knowledge. We would not obscure the fact that the church has ever such a pursuit. Everywhere it is found that the religious feelings awakens the mind and excites mental activity. Extending along all ages the religious orders have been the projectors of human culture in the colonization of new territory, the school house stands beneath the sanctuary. And the preachers are still the founders of schools and the promoters of all forms of human culture. Still education is a work that constantly enlarges upon our conception with our advancing years. So brief is life so manifold its interests pressing their claims and clamors in our ears with incessant din that the question of questions to be decided is not what is important, but what is most important in its multiplied work. What is most fundamental and essential reaching to the lowest and highest limits of things; vital to individuals, social and national well-beings viewed impartially in the light which two worlds shed upon it and answered with reverence to both. We cannot doubt that this subject of education would loom up before us and multiply the devotion which the best us of now manifest in promoting it. Viewing the subject in its individual application the basal facts needed to settle the question are few and simple, indeed to one who accepts the Bible theory of life, there ought not to be any difficulty in settling it.

The Bible teaches that development is the one end of probationary existence. The true function of education is therefore to prepare us for the whole period of existence in this, and in the world to come. The conclusion is as clear as a sunbeam and as strong as a chain of linked logic can be forced, that the more of such education one secures the greater its value as a factor in his life. The age in which we are living is pre-eminently an age of ideas. All the passage ways up into modern life are endorsed by the daily papers and the New Testament and no man who has not a free use of the key, the alphabet, can find his way up into the real forces that mold and fashion the races. The great conflicts are conflicts of ideas. Beasts fight with claws and fangs, but men fight with ideas. Armageddon is in the Anglo Saxon skull. Dominion is to be determined by logic. It is one of the glories of this generation that men are probing deep into things. They are studying the facts of God's great creation and arranging them into a system of truth, correcting old statements and forming them into new. We are living in a day of very nice discrimination, men study minds and morals. The intellect of to day has very little reverence for the decisions of the past, old foundations are being re-examined. These facts emphasize the need of education. We hope it will not be deemed an impertinence on our part to remind our young brethren in the ministry that they especially need the mental discipline and knowledge that comes from a thorough course of study in order to be thoroughly furnished through the knowledge that God gave them into every good word and work. Ministers have the supremest calling known on earth, but the difficulties before them were never greater than at the present time. In the days when books were few and far between and newspapers were unknown, and institutions of learning were only accessible to the wealthy, then prayerfulness and devotion, integrity and experience of saving faith made a rich outfit for a preacher, but those simple days are long gone by. Now the pulpit competes with all departments of the world. So the preacher must be abreast with all the world's thoughts in order to keep his hold on men. He must live in this age and not in the past or any mere ideal age. All this requires preparation and strength. Hence the necessity of christian education. But while we emphasize the importance of ministerial education. We would place scarcely less importance upon educating the young people in general, as all earth's history, literature, art, commerce and enterprise are soon to be committed.

The report was discussed by A. S. Locklear and others and then adopted.

By motion the collection of to-day, amounting to \$2.86 be given to Rev. Carry Wilkies, the oldest minister in the association. The treasurer made the following report:

TREASURER REPORT.

Balance on hand from last year	\$ 2.07
Received of Finance Committee.....	21.96
Total	\$ 24.03

DISBURSEMENT.

Paid for Minutes.....	\$ 13.00
Paid Clerk.....	8.85
Refunded to S. Lowrie, which was paid in through mistake, .....	.85
Total.....	\$ 22.70
Balance on hand	\$ 1.03

O. R. SAMPSON, Treasurer.

By motion the report was received.

The association suspended business for the charitable sermon which was delivered by Rev. J. W. Blanks, taking as a text: Mathew, 5 chap., 16 verse: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and be constrained to glorify your father which is in heaven." At the close of the services a collection was taken. The association resumed business at 2 o'clock. Bros. Joseph Sampson, A. N. Locklear and S. Lowrie were appointed as an executive committee to work with the missionary for this year.

By motion the clerk be allowed \$8.85 for his services.

The programme committee made the following report :

Meet Tuesday at 11 o'clock, a. m , introductory sermon by Rev. J. J.

Bell. At 2 o'clock p. m., come to order for business. 1st, calling roll of churches. 2nd, receiving church letter and enrolling delegates. 3rd, invitations to corresponding messengers, visiting brethren and newly constituted churches. At 3 o'clock p. m., report on pastoral support by A. N. Locklear. Wednesday at 9:30 o'clock one-half hour in praise and prayer service. At 10 o'clock a. m., report on temperance by P. M. Sanderson. At 11 o'clock a. m., report on prayer meeting by W. R. Woodell. At 1 o'clock p. m., report on home missions by A. S. Locklear. At 2 o'clock p. m., report on foreign missions by Rev. Gilbert Locklear. Thursday at 9:30 o'clock one-half hour in prayer and praise services. At 10 a. m., report on education, by O. R. Sampson. At 1 o'clock p. m., report on periodicals, by W. F. Sampson. Then miscellaneous business. Adjourn at will. Charitable sermon Thursday at 12 o'clock by Rev. Gilbert Locklear.

JOSEPH SAMPSON,	} Committee.
W. F. SAMPSON,	
A. N. LOCKLEAR.	

By motion the report was received.

By motion the unfinished business was left in the hands of the moderator and clerk.

A vote of thanks was tendered the good people of Harper's Ferry Church for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the association in its present session.

By motion we stand adjourned till time and place of next meeting.

Benediction by the moderator.

Thus ended one of the best and most enthusiastic sessions of the Burnt Swamp Association for many years.

GILBERT LOCKLEAR,

MODERATOR.

O. R. SAMPSON,

Clerk and Treasurer.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

PROCEEDINGS.

MT. MORIAH CHURCH, October 12th, 1901.

The Sunday School Association convened at 10 o'clock. Prayer and praise services conducted by Rev. John J. Bell, after which Chairman W. D. Oxendine called the Association to order and read the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer, by Bro. O. R. Sampson, leading. The roll of Sunday Schools were called and a majority present. Brothers E. D. Sampson and John J. Bell were appointed finance committee. The letters from the schools were called for, read, and delegates names enrolled as follows :

Burnt Swamp—W. D. Oxendine.

Deep Branch—E. D. Sampson.

Magnolia—John J. Bell.

Mt. Olive—J. A. Locklear and Ruthie Locklear.

Antioch—J. H. W. Smith, J. F. Revels and B. D. Chavis.

Mt. Moriah—E. F. Worick, W. A. Hammons and Daniel Godwin.

Harper's Ferry—O. R. Sampson and Julia M. Lowrie.

Smyrnia—D. C. Morgan, E. A. Morgan and W. J. Smith.

The election of officers was held and W. D. Oxendine elected Chairman, and O. R. Sampson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairman declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting brethren and new schools. Brothers John Sampson and J. H. W. Smith were appointed a committee to draw up a programme for next session. The location of next session of the association was taken up and located at Deep Branch Church, Robeson County, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1902. The Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came to order at 2 o'clock, p. m. The query : "What influence should the Sunday School wield on little ones," was discussed by O. R. Sampson and Rev. F. A. Prevatt. The second query was not discussed. The finance committee made the following report : Received for minutes, \$2.57. By motion, the report was received. By motion, Brother O. R. Sampson was appointed Sunday School lecturer for the ensuing year. The Sunday School Missionary,

Rev. J. W. Huggins, made the following report : "I have visited seven schools, preached eight sermons, organized two schools and collected \$1.09." The report was received.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$1 36
Received this year	31
Total	\$1 67

RUTHIE T. OXENDINE, Treasurer.

The report was received.

The committee to draw up a programme for next session made the following report :

Meet Saturday at 10 o'clock. One half hour for prayer and praise services. At 11 o'clock general business. At 1 o'clock query : "What should be the spirit of parents, superintendents and teachers toward children to get them to love the Sunday School," offered by Rev. John J. Bell.

Sunday, at 10 o'clock paryer and praise services, conducted by O. R. Sampson. Then a speech from a member of each school and singing. At 12 o'clock, sermon by Rev. W. M. Sampson.

JOH. SAMPSON, } Committee.
J. W. H. SMITH. }

By motion the report was received.

There being no other business the Association adjourned to meet at time and place of next meeting.

W. D. OXENDINE,

CHAIRMAN.

O. R. SAMPSON,

Secretary and Treasurer.



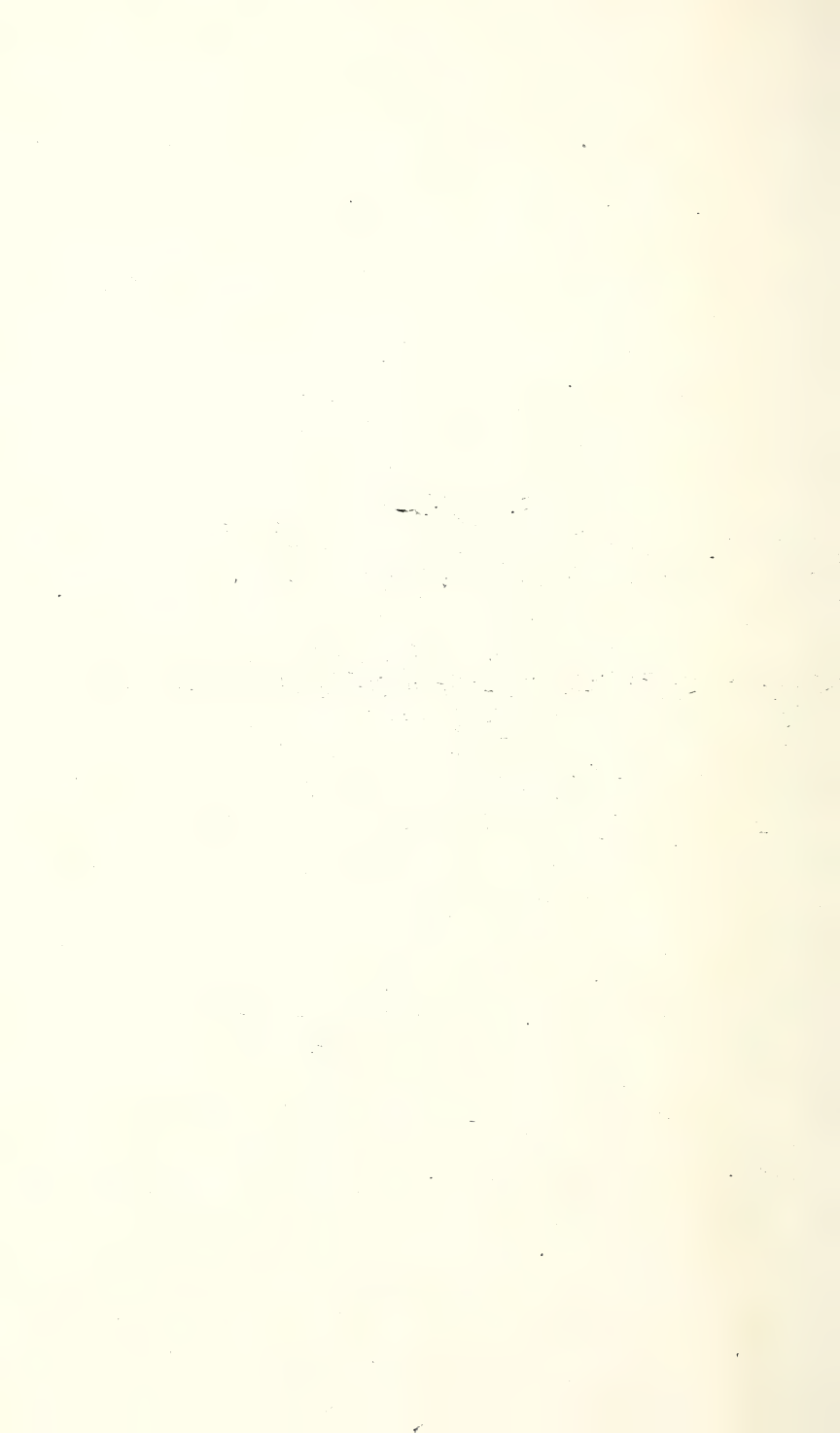
STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Church ex-penses.	Benevolence.	Home Mis'sns.	Minutes.	Ministerial relief.
Burnt Swamp	3	1	1	4	5	2	30	61	91	\$		\$ 70	\$ 80	
Magnolia	7		3	3	1		19	34	53				1 25	
Mt. Olive	1	1	1		2	3	28	67	95				2 05	
Reedy Branch		1	5	5	10	2	28	63	91		4 85		68	
Bear Swamp					4		17	37	54				80	
Harper's Ferry	2	2				2	22	25	47	21 07	4 75	1 20	2 57	1 15
Deep Branch	2			1	1		25	31	56				3 00	
Oak Grove	10	1	1		2	2	14	68	83				1 20	
Piney Grove	3		3	1	2	1	16	85	101	1 65			2 00	
Mt. Moriah	3		2	1	1	1	17	31	48	25	60		51	
Smyrnia	5		1		2		15	20	35		95		55	
Antioch	13	3	1		2		10	30	40	113 15	2 49		1 00	
Pleasant View	9	9					18	16	34				1 00	
Ashpole							19	9	28				65	

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	Superintendents.	Bible Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Quarterlies Taken.	Contributions.
Burnt Swamp	J. A. Locklear	W. D. Oxendine				\$ 10
Mt. Olive	J. R. Sampson	A. T. Locklear	40	25		
Deep Branch	Joseph Sampson	E. D. Sampson	28	20	20	
Harper's Ferry	M. C. Chavis	A. N. Locklear	47	30		9 23
Mt. Moriah	W. A. Hammons	J. H. Hammons	52	24	18	1 95
Antioch	J. H. W. Smith	Hughie Smith	37	23	10	1 50
Smyrnia	J. H. Hagan	H. A. Morgan	40	30		2 86
Piney Grove	Redin Hunt	Needan Chavis				
Bear Swamp	McDuffie Cummins	W. H. Godwin	48	25		
Oak Grove	Andrew Locklear	S. T. Strickland	36	20		
Reedy Branch	(not represented.)	(not represented.)				
Magnolia	" "	" "				





1902

Minutes

Twenty-third Annual Session

Burnt Swamp

Baptist Association,

Diney Grove Church,

Robeson County, N. C.

October 28-29, 1902

Next Session of the Association will be held
with the Church at Deep Branch, commencing
Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, 1903.

L. L. LAMBERTON, S. G.
ROBERTSON, P. M.

Ordained Ministers and Their Postoffices.

C. Wilkins.....	Moss Neck, N. C.	
J. W. Blanks.....	Rozier,	"
Gilbert Locklear.....	Lowe,	"
A. D. Locklear.....	Moss Neck,	"
William Sampson.....	Moss Neck,	"
Jordan Chavis.....	Clio,	S. C.
John J. Bell.....	Rozier,	N. C.
J. B. Brooks.....	Pates,	"
John J. Blanks.....	Lumberton,	"
P. P. Locklear.....	Pates,	"
N. P. Sanderson.....	Stewart,	"
E. D. Hunt.....	Grady	"
J. C. Clark.....	Grady,	"
William Hammons.....	Rozier,	"
J. W. Huggin.....	McDonalds,	"

Churches, Pastors and Sundays of Preaching.

Burnt Swamp—A. D. Locklear, First Sunday.
 Reedy Branch—J. J. Bell, First Sunday.
 Magnolia—J. W. Blanks, First Sunday.
 Mt. Olive—J. W. Blanks, Second Sunday.
 Deep Branch—Gilbert Locklear, Fourth Sunday.
 Harper's Ferry—A. D. Locklear, Third Sunday.
 Bear Swamp—Gilbert Locklear, First Sunday.
 Oak Orove—Gilbert Locklear, Second Sunday.
 Piney Grove—William Sampson, Third Sunday.
 Mt. Moriah—E. D. Hunt, Third Sunday.
 Smyrna—William Sampson, First Sunday.
 Antioch—J. J. Bell, Second Sunday.
 Ashpole—J. W. Huggins, Second Sunday.
 Pleasant View—J. W. Blanks, Fourth Sunday.

Antioch—J. H. W. Smith, Abner Chavis, Alva Carter
Ashpole—Oliver Revels, Allen Hammons, J. C. Oxendine.
Pleasant View—Oliver Hunt, O. B. Barns, J. A. Santee

The annual election of officers was taken up and Rev. Wm. Sampson was elected Moderator, and Bro. Joseph Sampson, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator declares the house ready for business and extends an invitation to visiting brethren, corresponding messengers and newly constituted churches.

The new church at Rowland came forward with a letter for admission. The petition was read and on motion the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates.

On motion the members of Piney Grove Church was appointed a Committee of Vigilance.

According to the programme the consideration of pastor's support was taken up. The subject was discussed by Bros. O. R. Sampson, A. Chavis, P. M. Sanderson and A. A. Locklear.

On motion the association call off until 9:30 to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

PINEY GROVE, October 29, 1902.

The Association met at 9:30 a. m., and spent one-half in prayer and praise service, conducted by Bro. O. R. Sampson, after which the Moderator called the association to order for business.

On motion the proceedings of yesterday were read and received.

Brothers Stephen Hunt and W. G. Hunt were appointed a committee to arrange for 12 o'clock service.

Brothers O. R. Sampson and John J. Bell were ap-

pointed a committee to draw up a programme of business for the next association.

The location of the next association was taken up and located with Deep Branch Church.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. Gilbert Locklear as follows :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brethren, let us adhere to the divine commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." It means brother, sister and preacher ; it is God's plan of saving the world. Have we obeyed ? There is now a call for Baptist preachers in the Indian Territory. Brethren, let us send the light, the tree of life, that they may be saved. We recommend supporting Foreign Missions, that we may have sheaves from other lands to bring to glory.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT LOCKLEAR.

On motion the report was received. The discussion of the report was deferred until 12 o'clock, by request of the writer, as he desired to refer to it in his sermon to be preached at 12 o'clock.

The report on general education being next in order was called for. There being no report prepared the subject was discussed by Bro. O. R. Sampson.

The report on home missions was read.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee realizing the fact that there is in our own and adjoining counties localities among our people where they have not the gospel preached to them ; that it is the duty of this association to send them the gospel, and if every church was endowed with the spirit of the divine, no other force would be needed to send the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. LOCKLEAR.

The discussion of the report was participated in by Revs. J. W. Blanks, Gilbert Locklear and R. H. Ammons. Report adopted.

The report of the Missionary was read, as follows :

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

DEAR BRETHREN: I have travelled 800 miles, preached forty sermons, and fifty-two days in service. I have organized one church, with fourteen members; organized one Sunday-school; delivered one lecture; visited twenty five families and conversed with them on the salvation of their souls and had devotional services with them. I have done all the good I could. I received by voluntary contribution six dollars and twenty-six cents; from the executive committee eleven dollars and forty cents. Dear brethren, I am persuaded to believe that God has blessed my labor this year, and that strength has been added to the association and souls saved and added to Christ's kingdom. May the efforts of the association be crowned with God's blessing, and that it put forth every effort in sending the gospel to a dying world, not thinking that your labor is in vain.

Thanking the brethren and sisters throughout the association for their kindness toward me in my travels.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. BELL, Missionary.

Report adopted.

Rev. William Sampson was appointed Missionary and Colporteur for the next associational year.

The committee appointed at last association for the purpose of examining applicants for the ministry reported no application during the year. On motion the same committee be continued for the next associational year.

The Finance Committee made their report, as follows:

FINANCE REPORT.

We, your committee to receive church letters and finance report \$100.00 Minute funds; \$2 30 Home Missions. We find from the statistics of church letters the addition to the churches during the year 20, less 20, showing a gain of only one member. We find the letters in good shape and recommend them to the association.

JOHN J. BELL, } Committee.
LEWIS SAMPSON, }

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged, and the money paid over in the hands of the treasurer.

The treasurer of the association for the past associational year made his report, as follows:

TREASURER S REPORT.

Balance on hand from last report	\$ 1 03
Received from finance committee.....	18 06
" " Sunday-school Chairman.....	2 57
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Total.....	\$21 66

DISTRIBUTION.

Paid for printing minutes	\$15 60
" clerk of the Association	8 85
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Total.....	\$24 45
Balance due	\$ 2 79
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	\$24 45

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Balance on hand last report	\$ 8 00
Received during the year.....	24 85
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Total.....	\$32 85
Paid Missionary as instructed by the Association...	\$32 85
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On motion the report was received and the treasurer instructed to pay the \$2.79 to former treasurer.

The following order of business for the next Association was offered by the committee and adopted by the Association :

Meet Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt. At 1 o'clock come to order for business.

1st. Calling Roll of Churches.

2nd. Receiving Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.

3rd. Invitations to Visiting Brethren, Corresponding Messengers and Newly Constituted Churches.

At 3.30 p. m., Report of Pastoral Support by Brother Edward Sampson.

Wednesday meet at 9:30 a. m. One-half hour in prayer and praise service.

11 o'clock, a. m., Report on Home Missions by Rev. Gilbert Locklear.

2 o'clock, p. m., Report on Education by Bro. Joseph Sampson.

Thursday, 9:30 o'clock, a. m., Prayer and Praise Service.

MINUTES OF BURNT SWAMP

10 o'clock, a. m., Report on Temperance by Rev. N. P. Sanderson.
Then General Business. Adjourn at will.

Charitable Sermon at 12 o'clock by Rev. O. R. Sampson.

O. R. SAMPSON, } Committee.
J. J. BELL }

Brother O. R. Sampson addressed the association in a short speech on the necessity of a Preacher's and Deacon's Institute in the bounds of the association.

After a few remarks by others it was agreed to meet at Burnt Swamp Church on Monday after the third Sunday in December, for the purpose of organizing.

The following resolution was offered and adopted by the association by a standing vote:

Resolved, That the association express its appreciation for the welcome and hospitality extended to it by the people of this community.

After singing "A Few More Years Shall Roll," the association adjourned to meet with the church at Deep Branch on Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, 1903.

WM. SAMPSON, MODERATOR.

JOSEPH SAMPSON, Clerk.



Sunday School Association Proceedings.

DEEP BRANCH CHURCH, October 11, 1902.

The Sunday School Association convened at 11 o'clock, a. m. Prayer and praise service, conducted by Rev. Wm. Sampson, after which the association proceeded to business.

Brother Joseph Sampson was chosen Chairman and Brother A. A. Locklear Clerk and Treasurer.

A roll call of the churches showed the following present: Antioch, Oak Grove and Deep Branch.

On motion the letters were called for, read, received and delegates names enrolled as follows:

Antioch—J. H. W. Sampson, S. J. Chavis.

Oak Grove—Wesley Clark, Nancy Clark, J. H. Pate.

Deep Branch—Edward Sampson, Robert Sampson, Ruthie Oxendine.

At this point the chairman declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting brethren and new schools wishing to join the association.

A letter from a new point at Rowland was presented and read by the clerk.

On motion the letter was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates and their names enrolled as follows: Rufus Rodgers and J. B. Hunt.

The query being next in order was read and discussed.

The time and place of next meeting was taken up and on motion was located with Antioch Church, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1903.

Brother A. A. Locklear was appointed Sunday-school lecturer for the ensuing year.

12 MINUTES OF THE BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

There being no other business the Association adjourned to meet at Antioch Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1903.

JOSEPH SAMPSON, CHAIRMAN.

A. A. LOCKLEAR, *Clerk and Treasurer.*



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Church Expenses.	Behévolence.	Home Missions.	Minuties Fund.	Ministerial Relief.
Burnt Swamp					5		23	51	74				1 64	
Magnolia		1		2			21	28	49				75	
Mt. Olive						2	25	42	67				1 50	
Reedy Branch	5		6	4	6	1	27	66	93	18 00	4 25	80	2 85	
Bear Swamp							Not Represented.							
Harper's Ferry	9	2		2	3	1	25	37	62		1 70	5 50	1 80	1 80
Deep Branch	8			2	4	1	22	31	53			6 00	3 65	
Oak Grove	4				3		14	35	49				1 00	
Piney Grove	9	1	1	1	3		12	37	49				1 80	
Mt. Moriah	8	1	1	8	2	1	17	31	48			25	70	
Smyrna	7	1			8		17	24	41				1 25	
Antioch	3	1			1	1	11	31	42	18 00	8 90	1 06	90	
Pleasant View	4				1		7	11	18				1 00	
Ashpole	4			5	2		9	11	20				60	
Rowland	7			1			7	7	14			75	75	



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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Fourth Annual Session

OF

Burnt Swamp Baptist Association,

HELD AT

Deep Branch Church,

October 27th, 28th and 29th, 1903.

The next session of the Association will be held with the
Church at Reedy Branch, commencing Tuesday
before the first Sunday in November, 1904.

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PROCEEDINGS.

DEEP BRANCH CHURCH, Robeson Co., N. C.,

Tuesday, October 27th, 1903.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Session of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association convened with the Deep Branch Church, October 27th, 1903. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. William Sampson from I. Corinthjans, 2nd chapter and 12th verse. After an intermission of one hour, the Association met in session, Rev. Wm. Sampson reading the 37th division of the Psalms. There was singing by the brethren and prayer by Elder A. D. Locklear.

The roll of churches was called, a majority being present.

On motion, Brother A. A. Locklear and Elder J. J. Bell were appointed a committee to examine church letters and receive finances.

On motion, the list of churches was called and the letters read by the committee, and the delegates' names enrolled as follows:

Oak Grove—Gilbert Locklear, N. P. Sanderson, Wm. Pate.

Rowland—James Rodgers, Josh Hammons.

Ashpole—Calvin Oxendine, Neill Hunt, McOllin Revels.

Mt. Olive—F. L. Locklear, C. L. Locklear, Willis Locklear.

Antioch—J. H. W. Smith, Hughey Smith, J. F. Revels.

Magnolia—Elder J. W. Blanks, Elder J. J. Bell, T. H. Hammons.

Burnt Swamp—Elder A. D. Locklear, A. A. Locklear, J. A. Wilkins.

Piney Grove—Stephen Hunt, Reddin Hunt, James Hunt.

Mt. Moriah—James K. Chavis, E. F. Warrick, Elder P. P. Locklear.

Harper's Ferry—S. Lowrie, M. C. Chavis, A. N. Locklear.

Pleasant View—O. B. Barnes, J. A. Santee, Irven Hunt.

Smyrna—H. A. Morgan, J. H. Hagans, D. Fields.

Bear Swamp—N. P. Cummins, Elias Jones, Alva Oxendine.

Reedy Branch—J. W. Huggins, W. G. Hunt, A. R. Chavis.

Deep Branch—E. Sampson, J. W. Oxendine, F. L. Locklear.

A majority of the churches being represented, the Association proceeded to the annual election of officers.

By motion, Elder William Sampson was re-elected Moderator and E. Sampson elected Clerk.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting brethren, Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches.

There being no newly constituted churches, a motion was made that the members of Deep Branch Church be a committee to arrange a programme of religious services during this session.

On motion, Brother A. A. Locklear was appointed to draw a report on Education.

On motion, the report on Pastoral Support was taken up as follows:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

The duty of the Church to the pastor is to loose him to the full work of the ministry.

The laws of the land enjoin that their officers shall be amply compensated. The Apostle says: "It is ordained that they which preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." The man who preaches for money is unfit for a pastor, and he who serves the Church without any compensation whatever is unfit for a pastor. It begets in his people a spirit of laziness and deformity. It is the duty of the Church to respect, to love and to pray for their pastor and to become entire co-workers with him in the arduous work for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

ED SAMPSON, *Committee.*

Remarks were made by the following brethren: J. A. Santee, James Rogers, A. A. Locklear and Elder Gilbert Locklear.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion the Committee on Arrangements reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

Prayer meeting at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, conducted by Brother W. G. Hunt; preaching at 12 o'clock by Elder Gilbert Locklear, aided by Elder J. W. Huggins.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, the Association was called off until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met according to arrangement and spent some time in prayer and praise service, conducted by Brother W. G. Hunt, after which the Moderator called the Association to order, the Moderator reading for a lesson the fifth chapter of Ephesians. Brother A. R. Chavis lead in prayer, after which the house was ready for business.

On motion, the roll was called.

The proceedings of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted.

On motion, the Report On Temperance was read by Elder N. P. Sanderson as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We recommend temperance for several causes. First, for its decency; second, for its usefulness; third, because it is a Scriptural command. The Bible approves of it; God demands it, and we urge that men should support it—in dram drinking, eating and many

other things,—because the much use of it has caused families to suffer, and by so doing sinned. Temperance is moderation in all things. So, brethren, let us be temperate in all things, knowing the terror of the Lord. Respectfully submitted. N. P. SANDERSON.

Remarks were made by N. P. Sanderson leading, J. J. Bell, J. W. Huggins, Gilbert Locklear and Benjamin Barnes.

The report was adopted.

Brothers A. A. Locklear and Edward Sampson were appointed a committee to draw up a programme of business for the next Association.

On motion, the location of the next Association was taken up, and it was decided to meet with Reedy Branch Church.

On motion, business was called off for preaching, and Elder Gilbert Locklear preached from the 11th chapter of Hebrews, 1st verse: "Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report of Committee to Receive Church Letters and Finance submitted the following:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND FINANCE.

We, your Committee to Receive Church Letters and Finance, report \$21.00 for Minutes Fund. We find from the statistics of church letters the addition to the churches during the year 83, less 45, showing a gain of 38. We find the letters in good shape and recommend them to the Association. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. BELL,

A. A. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

There being objections as to Harper's Ferry Church's Orthodoxy principles, the matter was investigated by the Association and was found in order.

On motion, the Committee on Programme reported.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME.

We, your Committee, offer the following order of business for the next Association :

Meet Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Introductory Sermon by Rev. A. D. Locklear. At 1 o'clock come to order for business,

1. Calling Roll of Churches.
2. Receiving Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
3. Invitation to visiting brethren, Corresponding Messengers and Newly Constituted Churches.

At 3:30 p. m.—Report on Pastoral Support by Brother Edward Sampson.

Wednesday.—Meet at 9:30 a. m. One-half hour in prayer and praise service.

11 o'clock a. m.—Report on Foreign Missions, by Brother J. A. Santee; then Report on Foreign Missions by Elder Gilbert Locklear.

At 2 p. m.—Report on Education, by Brother A. N. Locklear; Report on Periodicals, by Elder N. P. Sanderson.

Thursday, 9:30 a. m.—Prayer and Praise Service.

10 o'clock a. m.—Report on Sunday Schools, by Brother W. G. Hunt.

11 o'clock a. m.—Report on Prayer Meetings, by Brother J. J. Bell.

2 p. m.—General business; adjourn at will.

Charitable Sermon at 12 o'clock m., by Rev. J. W. Blanks.

A. A. LOCKLEAR,

EDWARD SAMPSON,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, E. Sampson was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

On motion, the Finance Committee was requested to pay over the money on hand to the Treasurer.

On motion, the subject of Foreign Missions was taken

up, and after a few remarks, a motion was made that each minister in this Association take up a collection for Foreign Missions at each church, and that they will continue to urge the Foreign Mission work.

On motion, the Committee on Religious Exercises, made their report.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

We, your Committee, submit the following: Prayer and praise service to-morrow at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. P. P. Locklear; preaching at 12 o'clock, by Rev. A. D. Locklear, assisted by Rev. N. P. Sampson. Respectfully,

EDWARD SAMPSON,
J. W. OXENDINE.
Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, that a collection be taken up to-morrow and given to Brother Fletcher Locklear, who is now sick.

Motion, that we call off until to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator reading the 13th chapter of Hebrews for a lesson.

On motion, the roll of delegates was called, a majority being present.

On motion, the Minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

On motion, the Report on Education was read by A. A. Locklear.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

This topic to which we mention is one of great importance in all departments of life. First, because it is the first step to intelligence; second, it gives us light and knowledge; third, it rules 90 per cent, more or less, of the important business of life.

Brethren, education is a power, therefore let us urge the cause, because its necessity is overlooked in many avocations of life. It is needful in society, and is helpful in the service God.

We highly recommend the importance of education. We recommend that we go to work to educate our boys and girls, knowing that such leads to a higher sphere in life.

A. A. LOCKLEAR, *Committee*

Remarks were made on the subject by Brothers J. A. Santee, A. A. Locklear, E. F. Warrick, W. G. Hunt, O. B. Barnes, Rev. Gilbert Locklear, Rev. Wesley Huggins and Brother Jesse McLaurin from Lumber River Association. The Association adjourned for preaching. Elder A. D. Locklear preached to the congregation during the retirement from business from the 25th chapter of Matthew, 6th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled. The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren.

On motion, the Report on Education was received.

A resolution was offered that we organize an Educational Institute in our Association.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

On motion, that this Institute be organized at Reedy Branch Church Thursday before the first Sunday in December, 1903. Elder Gilbert Locklear was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

On motion, the Report on Home Missions was read as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Mission is of vital importance, therefore we urge the mission work in all parts where they do not believe the Bible as we do. Brethren, send a missionary. The seed of error is being sown. Let us broadcast the seed of truth.

REV. GILBERT LOCKLEAR, *Committee*

Remarks were made by Brother Gilbert Locklear and J. A. Santee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, Rev. Gilbert Locklear was appointed Missionary for the next Associational Year.

On motion, S. Lowrie, Willis Locklear, A. A. Locklear, Edward Sampson and W. G. Hunt were appointed an Executive Committee to arrange the work with the Missionary.

On motion, that we have 300 copies of the Minutes printed.

On motion, that the Clerk be allowed \$6.00 for his services.

On motion, the printing of the Minutes was left with the Clerk, and that it be his duty to decide where the work should be done.

A resolution was offered and adopted by the Association by a standing vote.

ART. 12. The Moderator
may give his opinion,
but shall not vote himself.

RESOLUTION.
REPT. 13. Any member who shall express its appreciation for the welfare of these rules shall be reprov'd by the people of this community.
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14. These rules may be amended.

On motion, the members present adjourned to meet with the Church at Reedy Branch on Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, 1904.

WILLIAM SAMPSON, Moderator.

E. SAMPSON, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

W. Blanks,	Rozier,	N. C.	John J. Blanks,	Lumberton,	N. C.
Gilbert Locklear,	Lowe,	" "	P. P. Locklear,	Moss Neck	" "
A. D. Locklear,	Moss Neck,	" "	N. P. Sanderson,	Laurinburg	" "
Wm. Sampson,	Moss Neck,	" "	E. D. Hunt,	Grady,	" "
Jordan Chavis,	Clio,	S. C.	J. C. Clark,	Grady,	" "
John J. Bell,	Rozier,	N. C.	William Hammons,	Rozier,	" "
B. Brooks,	Pates,	" "	J. W. Huggins,	McDonalds,	" "

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND SUNDAYS OF PREACHING.

Oak Grove,	N. P. Sanderson,	Fourth Sunday.
Magnolia,	J. C. Clark,	First Sunday.
Deep Branch,	J. W. Blanks,	First Sunday.
Rowland,	P. P. Locklear,	Fourth Sunday.
Mt. Olive,	J. W. Blanks,	Second Sunday.
Ashpole,	J. W. Huggins,	Second Sunday.
Mt. Moriah,	E. D. Hunt,	Third Sunday.
Harper's Ferry,	A. D. Locklear,	Third Sunday.
Smryna,	P. P. Locklear,	First Sunday.
Antioch,	J. J. Bell,	Second Sunday.
Piney Grove,	R. Ammons,	Third Sunday.
Burnt Swamp,	J. W. Blanks,	Third Sunday.
Pleasant View,	J. W. Blanks,	Fourth Sunday.
Reedy Branch,	John J. Bell,	First Sunday.
Bear Swamp,	Wm. Sampson,	First Sunday.

DEACONS AND THEIR CHURCHES.

Reedy Branch,	W. G. Hunt	Grady,	N. C.
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Burnt Swamp,	Angus Chavis,		
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RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 2. A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the case and matters as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

ART. 6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from this body without permission from the Association.

ART. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.

ART. 8. No person shall engage in light or frivolous conversation, laughing, etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

ART. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other than that of brother.

ART. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the rules of decorum.

ART. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall be the last to speak on a subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

ART. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as it shall think proper.

ART. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the confession of our faith in Christ, being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to keep the following plan of government :

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments as delegates.

ART. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

ART. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

ART. 5. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen by the members present.

ART. 7. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter or delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orthodox shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator, giving the right hand of fellowship. PROVIDED, that a newly constituted church shall be admitted within six miles of a Baptist Church, unless there is a swamp or creek to divide, unless a church of other denomination consents to turn over to the Baptists.

ART. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

ART. 9. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall

put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for it being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated ; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

ART. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same. for the raising and supporting of, which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association, for all money received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

ART. 13. The annual session of the Association shall be on Tuesday before the third Sunday in November, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have the book present at each annual session.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected, if need be) and signed by the Clerk and Moderator before the Association adjourns.

ART. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper. 7. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Church Expenses.	Benevolence	Minutes Fund.	Sunday Schools.
Burnt Swamp.	4	---	---	---	---	1	23	51	74	---	---	\$ 1 85	---
Magnolia	8	---	---	---	3	---	21	37	58	---	---	30	---
Mt. Olive	7	1	---	---	7	1	24	37	61	---	---	2 45	---
Reedy Branch.	13	1	4	---	5	1	31	64	95	\$ 14 80	---	2 10	---
Bear Swamp.	2	2	---	---	---	---	15	39	54	---	---	45	90
Harper's Ferry.	---	---	---	---	4	---	---	---	58	---	---	2 00	---
Deep Branch	---	---	---	---	1	2	17	25	42	---	---	3 20	---
Oak Grove.	7	---	1	---	---	---	13	51	61	---	---	2 00	---
Piney Grove.	1	---	---	---	3	---	11	34	45	---	---	---	---
Mt. Moriah	7	---	2	---	1	1	19	33	52	25 00	---	60	---
Smyrna	2	---	1	---	2	---	18	43	68	---	---	1 25	---
Antioch.	---	1	---	---	3	---	11	39	50	16 95	---	1 15	---
Pleasant View	4	---	---	---	1	1	7	12	19	7 00	---	1 00	---
Ashpole	5	1	---	---	3	2	11	16	27	---	---	1 20	---
Rowland	3	---	3	---	2	---	7	9	16	---	---	60	---

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twenty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Reedy Branch Baptist Church

ROBESON COUNTY

November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1904

REV. J. W. BLANKS.....Moderator
EVERETT SAMPSON.....Clerk and Treasurer

The next session of the Association will be held with the Church at
Piney Grove, commencing Tuesday before the first
Sunday in November, 1905

LUMBERTON, N. C.:
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1905.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST- OFFICES.

J. W. BLANKS	Rozier, N. C.
GILBERT LOCKLEAR	Lowe, N. C.
A. D. LOCKLEAR	Moss Neck, N. C.
WILLIAM SAMPSON	Moss Neck, N. C.
JORDAN CHAVIS	Clio, S. C.
J. B. BELL	Rozier, N. C.
B. BROOKS	Oates, N. C.
P. LOCKLEAR	Moss Neck, N. C.
H. HUNT	Ashpole, N. C.
W. HUGGINS	Ashpole, N. C.
C. CLARK	Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. No. 6.
WILLIAM HAMMONDS	Rozier, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

NEILL HUNT	Rowland, N. C.
T. H. HAMMONDS	Rozier, N. C.
WESLEY CLARK	Hasty, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met with the Reedy Branch church November 1st, 1904. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. A. D. Locklear, from the 23rd chapter of Ezekiel and the 7th verse, after which an intermission of one hour was given.

At 1:30 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator, reading for a lesson the 8th chapter of Romans. Then prayer by Rev. J. J. Bell leading.

The roll of churches was called, a majority being present.

By motion, Rev. J. J. Bell and W. G. Hunt were appointed a Finance Committee.

On motion, the list of churches was called and the letters read in the hearing of this body, and the delegates' names enrolled as follows:

Oak Grove—Not represented.

Rowland—James Rodgers, J. H. Hammonds, Thomas Rodgers.

Ashpole—Calvin Oxendine, Oliver Revels, Rufus Rodgers.

Mt. Olive—Willis Locklear, John Chavis, F. L. Locklear.

Magnolia—Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rev. J. J. Bell, T. H. Hammonds.

Burnt Swamp—Angus Chavis, A. S. Locklear, Joseph Locklear.

Antioch—S. J. Chavis, J. H. W. Smith, Hughey Smith.

Piney Grove—S. W. Hunt, R. D. Hunt, L. Hunt.

Mt. Moriah—Rev. Wm. Hammonds, James K. Chavis, E. F. Warick.

Harpers Ferry—M. C. Chavis, A. N. Locklear, William Lowrie.

Pleasant View—O. B. Barnes, John Hunt, Oliver Hunt.

Smyrna—H. A. Morgan, J. N. Hagans, Eli Hagans.

Reedy Branch—W. G. Hunt, J. W. Huggins, J. E. Hunt.

Deep Branch—E. D. Sampson, J. W. Oxendine, Stephen Carter.

Bear Swamp—Not being represented by letter, a motion was made that the delegates be recognized and their names enrolled as follows:
Jimmie Chavis, Alvin Locklear.

A majority of churches being represented, the Association proceeded to the annual election of officers.

By motion, Rev. J. W. Blanks was elected Moderator.

By motion, E. Sampson was re-elected Clerk.

The Moderator declared the House ready for business and extended an invitation to Visiting Brethren, Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches: there being none.

By motion, Bro. W. G. Hunt, Revs. J. W. Huggins and Ed. Hunt were appointed a committee to arrange a programme of religious services during this session.

On motion, the male members of Reedy Branch church were appointed a Committee of Vigilance.

On motion, Ed Sampson was appointed to conduct prayer meeting to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

On motion, the Association was called off until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. P. P. Locklear; dismissal by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

After the prayer and praise service, conducted by Ed Sampson, the Moderator called the Association to order, reading the second chapter of Ephesians. Hymn No. 715 was sung. Prayer by Rev. F. A. Prevatt.

On motion, the roll of delegates was called and a majority found present.

By motion, the proceedings of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted.

The Moderator extended an invitation to Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers, and Rev. F. A. Prevatt, from the Robeson Association, announced himself as a visitor and was made welcome to a seat with us.

By motion, E. Sampson was re-elected Treasurer of this Association.

On motion, the report on Pastoral Support was taken up as follows:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

If we, as brethren, have a faithful minister in our bounds, we, as brethren should press forth every means to support him, because it is a christian duty to give him our means that he may be able to instruct us in the right way that those who are in darkness may be brought to the light by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ ; because the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that will believe. Now, Christian Brethren and Sisters, let us all do more for the work of the Lord. Respectfully submitted,

ED SAMPSON,
Committee.

Remarks were made by the following brethren : Ed. Sampson, A. S. Locklear, Revs. Gilbert Locklear, J. W. Huggins and F. A. Prevatt.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Arrangements reported as follows:

Preaching at 12 o'clock, by Rev. Gilbert Locklear, aided by Rev. A. D. Locklear. Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HUNT,
ED HUNT,
J. W. HUGGINS,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, the Association called off for preaching Rev. F. A. Prevatt, from the Robeson Association, was asked to preach, and he selected for a text John, the 17th chapter and 3rd verse, from which many deep thoughts were brought out.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled. The roll of delegates

as called. A majority being present, the Moderator declared the House ready for business.

On motion, the report on Education was read by A. S. Locklear as follows:

This topic which we mention is one of great importance in all departments of life. First, because it is the first step to intelligence. Second, it gives us light and knowledge. Third, it rules 90 per cent., more or less, of the important business of life.

Brethren, Education is a power. Therefore, let us urge the cause, because its necessity is overlooked in many avocations of life. It is a need in society and is helpful in the service of God. We highly recommend the importance of Education. We recommend that we go to work to educate our boys and girls, knowing that such leads to a higher sphere in life.

A. S. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

The subject was discussed by Rev. A. S. Locklear, after which the congregation sang Jesus, Lover of my Soul. Remarks were made by Rev. F. A. Prevatt.

By motion, the report was received.

On motion, at the close of the Missionary Sermon to-morrow a collection was ordered taken up, to be applied to the building of our Educational Institute.

On motion, J. J. Bell, P. P. Locklear and E. Sampson were appointed a committee to draw up a programme of business for the next Association.

On motion, Bro. A. S. Locklear was granted leave of absence.

By motion, the subject of General Education will be taken up to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

On motion, the Association called off until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

reading the 10th chapter of Romans. Hymn No. 575 was sung. Prayer by Rev. Ed Hunt.

On motion, the roll of delegates was called and a majority being present, the Moderator extended an invitation to Visiting Brethren.

On motion, the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The subject of Education was taken up and discussed by the brethren and, by motion, Rev. Ed Hunt and Sister Safroney Hammonds were appointed as Missionary collectors to collect money to build an Educational Institute in the bounds of this Association.

On motion, it was ordered that the Missionaries be paid one-fourth of all the money raised by them.

On motion, E. Sampson, A. R. Chavis and W. G. Hunt were appointed a Finance Committee of the Institute.

On motion, it was ordered that the Missionaries report all moneys raised by them to this committee and that the committee settle with them according to the order of the Association.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Institute reported as follows:

Received during this year, \$59.09 cents.

E. SAMPSON,
Treasurer.

By motion, the report was received.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Programme was made.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME.

We, your committee, offer the following order of business for the next Association: Meet Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Introductory Sermon, by Rev J. J. Bell. At 1 o'clock—Come to order for business: 1, calling the roll of churches. 2, Receiving church letters and enrolling the delegates' names. 3, Invitation to Visiting Brethren, Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches. At 2 p. m.—Report

on Home Missions, led by Rev. Gilbert Locklear, aided by any one he may introduce.

Wednesday—Meet at 9 o'clock a. m. One hour in prayer and praise service. At 10:30 o'clock—Report on Foreign Missions, by Rev.

W. Blanks, aided by any one he may introduce.

At 2. p. m.—Report on Education, by Bro. A. S. Locklear, aided by any one he may introduce.

Thursday, 9. a. m.—Prayer and praise service.

10 o'clock—Report on Sunday School, by Rev. J. W. Huggins, aided by any one he may introduce.

11 a. m.—Report on Prayer Meeting, by Rev. P. P. Locklear, aided by any one he may introduce.

2. p. m.—General business; adjourn at will.

Charitable Sermon at 12 o'clock m., by Rev. Gilbert Locklear.

REVS. P. P. LOCKLEAR,

J. J. BELL,

E. SAMPSON,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, the report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. J. A. Santee as follows :

Foreign Missions is of great need in foreign countries and we should send of our means to help carry on this great work. May we feel that we are a body of Missionaries, deriving our obligations and power from the low commission, words of our dear Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SANTEE,

Committee.

Remarks were made on the subject by Bro. J. A. Santee.

On motion, the report was adopted, recommending each minister in this Association to preach two sermons during this Associational year, and that the object of this be for Foreign Missions and a collection be taken up at each sermon.

On motion, the report on Home Missions was submitted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following report :

Home Missions is essential to the upbuilding of our Association. Brethren, we can not too forcibly impress the importance of keeping a Missionary in the field. The Missionary work has not been carried beyond our bounds on account of your Missionary endeavoring to keep in touch with the different hearsays that threaten to disturb the cause for which we stand, but your Missionary has opened up a field of work in Sampson county which will be strengthening to the Association and will further help the Institute in our Association if continued with persistence of other labor done in Scotland county, together with various appointments in other places in Robeson county.

REV. GILBERT LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

Remarks were made by Rev. Gilbert Locklear. On motion, the report was adopted. On motion, Rev. Gilbert Locklear was re-appointed Missionary for the next Associational year.

On motion, S. Lowrie, Willis Locklear, A. A. Locklear, Ed Sampson and W. G. Hunt were re-appointed an Executive Committee to arrange the work with the Missionary.

On motion, all the ministers in this Association were requested to urge each church to raise Home Missions money.

On motion, the preparing of a report on Periodicals was left to the Clerk to do.

On motion, the report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. W. G. Hunt.

To this subject that we have under consideration, Sunday Schools, is that Sabbath School training among our uprising generation is useful: First, It is a spirit-moving power, where proper materials are handled among our young ladies and gentlemen and younger ages, and also gives to the hearts of the parents gladness. We so style it in a church, as a wheel in a calendar, which helps to move the whole machine. Let us engage in all our churches the move in Sunday Schools.

W. G. HUNT,

Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the report on Prayer Meeting was read.
We submitted the following report :

Prayer Meetings are like so many candles brightening their brilliances. They all hang upon one support and shine by the same light. Therefore, Christ says all things whatsoever ye pray or ask for, believing that ye have received. Then it appears from the question of the disciples, in Luke, the 11th chapter and first verse, and from Jewish tradition, that chief teachers of the day gave special forms of prayer to these disciples as the badge of their discipleship. All christian prayer is, of course, based on the Lord's Prayer, and its spirit is also given by that of this prayer in Gethsemane. Therefore, I would that each church organize a weekly Prayer Meeting, that our children be brought to the knowledge of Christ. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BELL.
Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe that no Baptist should be without Baptist literature to read in his family. We therefore recommend the "Biblical Recorder" as good literature. Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT SAMPSON,
Committee

On motion, the Executive Committee made their report:

We, your Executive Committee of Home Missions, have received during this Associational year \$12.74 and have paid the Missionary \$4.48. Balance on hand, \$8.25. Respectfully submitted,

S. LOWRIE,
WILLIS LOCKLEAR,
A. A. LOCKLEAR,
EDWARD SAMPSON,
W. G. HUNT,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, the location of the next Association was taken up and, by motion, it was decided to meet with the Piney Grove church.

By motion, the Treasurer of the Association made his report as follows:

Received at last Association: Minute Fund, \$21.75; Paid for printing minutes, \$10.10; Paid the Clerk, \$6.00. Balance on hand, \$5.65.

Respectfully submitted,

E. SAMPSON,

Treasurer.

By motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, Rev. Gilbert Locklear was continued as Missionary for the year 1905.

By motion, the same Executive Committee was continued.

On motion, it was ordered that we have 300 copies of the minutes printed.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$7.00 for his services.

A resolution was offered and adopted by the Association by a standing vote.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Association express its appreciation for the welcome and hospitality extended to it by the people of this community.

By motion, the Finance Committee made its report.

We, your committee, make the following Finance Report:

Burnt Swamp, Minutes	\$2.56	Foreign Missions,	\$2.30
Magnolia, "	1.50	" "	----
Reedy Branch, "	3.00	" "	.50
Deep Branch, "	2.10	" "	2.10
Rowland, "	1.00	" "	----
Mt Olive, "	1.80	" "	1.68
Piney Grove, "	2.00	" "	----
Pleasant View, "	1.00	" "	----
Ashpole, "	.50	" "	.50
Antioch, "	1.62	" "	----
Smyna, "	1.00	" "	----
Mt. Moriah, "	1.00	" "	----
Harpers Ferry, "	2.00	" "	----
Bear Swamp, "		" "	----
Total,	\$21.08		\$7.08

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BELL,

W. G HUNT,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and the money ordered paid to the Treasurer, and the committee discharged.

Motion, that we call off until 2 o'clock.

At 12 o'clock the Charitable Sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Blanks, from the 5th chapter of St. Matthew and the 16th verse; after which a collection was taken up to the amount of \$8.12.

Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled. The Moderator declared the House now ready for business and, by motion, Rev. Gilbert Locklear was appointed as Corresponding Messenger to the Robeson Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Piney Grove, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, 1905.

REV. J. W. BLANKS,
Moderator.

E. SAMPSON,
Clerk.



RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 2. A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the case and matters as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

ART. 6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from this body without permission from the Association.

ART. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.

ART. 8. No person shall engage in light or frivolous conversation, laughing, etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

ART. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other than that of brother.

ART. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the rules of decorum.

ART. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall be the last to speak on a subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

ART. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as it shall think proper.

ART. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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CHURCHES, PASTORS AND SUNDAYS OF PREACHING.

Reedy Branch,	J. J. Bell,	First Sunday.
Mt. Olive,	A. D. Locklear, ...	Second Sunday.
Pleasant View,	J. W. Blanks,	Fourth Sunday.
Ashpole,	J. W. Huggins,	Second Sunday.
Deep Branch,	A. D. Locklear,	Fourth Sunday.
Harpers Ferry,	A. D. Locklear, ...	Third Sunday.
Burnt Swamp,	J. W. Blanks,	Third Sunday.
Piney Grove,	P. P. Locklear,	Third Sunday.
Rowland,	P. P. Locklear, ...	Fourth Sunday.
Smyna,	P. P. Locklear,	First Sunday.
Mt. Moriah,	Ed Hunt,	Third Sunday.
Antioch,	J. J. Bell, .....	.....
Magnolia,	J. C. Clark,	First Sunday.
Bear Swamp,	Wm. Sampson,	First Sunday.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Church Expenses	Benevolence	Minute Fund	Foreign Missions	Sunday Schools	Home Missions
Magnolia	---	---	---	---	3	---	18	37	55	\$ 1.1	\$.	\$ 1 50	\$	\$7 00	\$
Mt. Olive	---	---	---	---	2	2	21	36	57	7 00	---	1 80	1 68	1 00	---
Reedy Branch	---	3	6	---	3	---	35	75	110	9 65	20 18	3 00	50	5 51	---
Bear Swamp	9	---	1	1	---	---	12	32	43	---	---	---	---	---	---
Harpers Ferry	---	---	---	1	8	1	---	---	48	---	---	2 00	---	---	---
Deep Branch	---	---	---	2	---	---	15	26	41	7 00	---	2 10	2 10	---	---
Piney Grove	---	---	2	---	1	---	12	34	46	---	---	2 00	---	---	---
Mt. Moriah	---	---	---	---	1	---	16	38	54	---	2 80	1 00	---	---	---
Smyrna	---	---	1	---	3	---	16	22	38	---	---	1 00	---	---	---
Antioch	---	2	1	---	1	---	13	27	40	30 30	3 00	1 62	---	1 92	1 30
Pleasant View	---	---	---	1	---	---	7	13	20	---	---	1 00	---	---	---
Ashpole	---	---	---	---	2	---	9	15	24	---	---	---	50	---	---
Rowland	4	1	---	---	---	---	8	12	20	---	---	1 00	---	---	---
Burnt Swamp	8	1	2	3	2	1	20	52	81	---	---	2 56	2 30	---	1 15

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Twenty-sixth Annual Session
OF THE
BURNT SWAMP
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE
Piney Grove Baptist Church
ROBESON COUNTY

October 31st, and November 1st, 2nd, 1905

REV. GILBERT LOCKLEAR.....Moderator
ARREN S. LOCKLEAR.....Clerk and Treasurer

The next session of the Association will be held with the Church at
Oak Grove, Scotland County, commencing Tuesday be-
fore the first Sunday in November, 1906.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

J. W. BLANKS.....	Lumberton, N. C.
GILBERT LOCKLEAR.....	Buie N. C., R. F. D. 1.
A. D. LOCKLEAR.....	Buie N. C., R. F. D. 1.
WILLIAM SAMPSON.....	Pembroke, N. C.
JORDAN CHAVIS.....	Hasty, N. C.
J. J. BELL.....	Lumberton, N. C.
P. P. LOCKLEAR.....	Buie N. C. R. F. D. 1.
J. E. HUNT.....	Ashpole, N. C.
J. W. HUGGINS.....	McDonalds, N. C.
J. C. CLARK.....	Lumberton, N. C.
WILLIAM HAMMONS.....	Lumberton, N. C.
Z. B. BROOKS.....	Pates, N. C.
N. P. SANDERSON.....	Laurinburg, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

NEILL HUNT.....	Rowland, N. C.
T. H. HAMMONS.....	Lumberton, N. C.
WESLEY CLARK.....	Laurinburg, N. C.
W. F. WARWICK.....	Lumberton, N. C.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND SUNDAYS OF PREACHING.

Burnt Swamp.....	J. W. Blanks.....	Third Sunday.
Deep Branch.....	A. D. Locklear.....	Fourth Sunday.
Reedy Branch.....	J. J. Bell.....	First Sunday.
Mt. Olive.....	P. P. Locklear.....	Second Sunday.
Mt. Moriah.....	J. E. Hunt.....	Third Sunday.
Smyrna.....	P. P. Locklear.....	First Sunday.
Oak Grove.....	Jordan Chavis.....	Fourth Sunday.
Piney Grove.....	P. P. Locklear.....	Third Sunday.
Rowland.....	P. P. Locklear.....	Fourth Sunday.
Antioch.....	J. J. Bell.....	Second Sunday.
Union Grove.....	Gilbert Locklear.....	Fourth Sunday.

PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met with the Piney Grove church October 31, 1905. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. E. F. Warwick, assisted by Rev. J. W. Wuggins; Rev. J. J. Bell, who was appointed, not being present.

After the sermon the Association came together for business. The Moderator and Clerk not being present, by motion, Rev. Gilbert Locklear was appointed Moderator pro tem, and A. S. Locklear Clerk pro tem.

By motion, there was a committee of arrangements appointed consisting of Brethren A. A. Locklear, Stephen Hunt, O. B. Barnes and R. R. Brewington.

By motion, the committee on Religious Exercises submitted the following report:

Preaching to-morrow at 12 M., by Rev. J. W. Huggins.

By motion, the Association was called off until to-morrow at 9 A. M.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Moderator opened the Association by reading the 40th division of Psalms. Hymn No. 124 was sung. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Clark leading. The roll of churches was called and a majority being present.

By motion, Bros. J. E. Hunt and A. A. Locklear were appointed as finance committee.

By motion, the list of churches was called and the letters read in the hearing of this body, and delegates' names enrolled as follows:

Burnt Swamp—A. S. Lockler, A. A. Locklear and Geo. Locklear.

Magnolia—Not represented.

Reedy Branch—Revs. J. E. Hunt, J. W. Huggins and W. G. Hunt.

Deep Branch—Rev. J. C. Clark, E. Sampson and Robert Carter.

Rowland—James Rodgers, R. D. Rogers and Josh Hammons.

Mt. Olive—Eli Chavis, J. A. Locklear and M. G. Dial.

Ashpole—Not represented.

Antioch—Hughey Smith, S. J. Chavis and Neil Harden.

Piney Grove—Stephen Hunt, R. D. Hunt and Littleton Hunt.

Pleasant View—O. B. Barnes, Elias Oxendine and John Hunt.

Oak Grove—Rev. N. P. Sanderson, John Scott and E. B. Haywood.

Smyrna—J. H. Hagans, John G. Fields and H. A. Morgan.

Mt. Moriah—Daniel Godwin, Lewis Williams and E. F. Warwick.

Harpers Ferry—Not represented.

Bear Swamp—Not represented.

A majority of churches being represented, the Association proceeded to the annual election of officers.

By motion, Rev. Gilbert Locklear was elected Moderator.

By motion, Arren S. Locklear was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator declared the House ready for business and extended an invitation to Visiting Brethren, Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches. Then the newly constituted church at Union Grove, Cumberland County, N. C., presented a petition for membership in the Association.

By motion, the petition letter was received, and the right-hand of fellowship extended to the delegates. Hymn No. 640 was sung. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hunt leading.

By motion, the report on Education was submitted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The subject of general education is a topic which is of the greatest importance, but one that is very often under estimated. The value of a good education in our daily avocations of life produce a wonderful effect. All the scientific research of modern times prove

without question that an education is necessary to fit the young men and women to fill the places of trust that daily await them. All the enlightened nations of the world have adopted good systems of public schools, but there is not one that excells ours. In this, our land, the public schools, and those higher institutes, places a common education in reach of all. Therefore we do urge all of our young people to see to it that they embrace every opportunity that presents itself to them to better their educational qualification, and we do urge a revival in Christian Education among our churches. There is a great need of better Ministerial Education in our Association. For great efforts are being put forth to impede the progress of our Association. So Brethren prepare yourselves to meet these difficulties by fully equipping yourselves with an education.

Respectfully submitted.

ARREN S. LOCLEAR. Committee.

The report was discussed by Rev. J. C. Clark and A. S. Locklear, and by motion was received.

By motion, we call off until 1:30. Doxology was sung; benediction by Rev. J. W. Huggins.

At 12 M., Bro. J. W. Huggins delivered to an appreciative congregation a sermon on the Love of God, taking as a text John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled for business. Hymn No. 84 was sung, and prayer by Rev. P. P. Locklear leading.

By motion, the committee on Home Missions submitted the following report:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Brethren I have labored 25 days, and have received \$14.70. My expenses have been \$13.65. Brethren I have been working in Cumberland county, where there is great need of Missionary work. I have baptized 12. Constituted one church which I hope will prove

a working member of this Association in the further advancement of our work in their midst. Respectfully,

REV. GILBERT LOCKLEAR, Missionary.

The report was discussed at length by Rev. Gilbert Locklear, and then adopted.

By motion, Bros. J. E. Hunt, R. D. Hunt and J. C. Clark, were appointed to draw up a report on Foreign Missions.

By motion, A. S. Locklear was appointed to draw up a report on Pastoral Support.

By motion, Bros. E. Sampson, J. W. Huggins and James Jacobs, was appointed to draw up a Programme for the next Association.

By motion, the Committee on the Programme submitted the following report:

REPORT ON PROGRAMME.

Meet Tuesday at 11 o'clock, introductory by Rev. J. E. Hunt. At 1 o'clock come to order for business. Calling the roll of churches. Receiving church letters and enrolling the delegates' names. Invitation Visiting Brethren, Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches. At 2 P. M., Report on Home Mission, by J. W. Huggins. At 3 o'clock Report on Education, by A. S. Locklear. Wednesday, meet at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer and praise service at 10 o'clock. Report on Prayer Meeting, by W. G. Hunt. At 11 o'clock report on Temperance, by J. C. Clark. At 2 o'clock report on the Educational Institute, by Rev. P. P. Locklear. Then any miscellaneous business. Thursday meet at 9 A. M. prayer and praise service. At 10 o'clock Report on Sabbath School, by A. A. Locklear. At 12 o'clock Charitable Sermon, by Rev. P. P. Locklear. At 2 P. M., general business. Adjourn at will. Respectfully,

J. W. HUGGINS,
EVERETT SAMPSON,
JAMES JACOBS,

Committee.

By motion, the Committee on Pastoral Support submitted the following report:

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Brethren we have no better argument to offer you than the New Testament, we are all aware of the fact that it is our responsible duty to support our pastors. We notice from the statistical reports from each church that our preachers labor for very pecuniary salaries. Brethren this is the fault of the churches. And we do humbly ask all of the churches in our Association to wake up to the fact that the Lord prospers us according to the amount we do for Him, and we ask all of the churches to look at the work of preaching the Gospel as Christ would have them to do. Study His plan of the ministry and then ask himself if I am doing what my Saviour would have me to do in regard to supporting the Gospel. Brethren there is only one way to remedy this slowness in our churches and that is for each and every one to study his or her duty to further the cause of Christ, and we will have no more such things as pastors working the year around for hardly enough compensation to pay their traveling expenses. We have seen very often in our deliberative bodies that God will accomplish his purpose any way and why should frail mortals like us endeavor to improve on His plans. There has been such doctrine administered among us at quite a number of places. Now brethren we ask you to consider what our Lord and Saviour said to Peter, "Lovest thou me; if so feed my sheep." He even had him to acknowledge the third time that he loved his Lord. Even Him upon whose faith the church was built, had to go through some severe examination as to his loyalty to the cause of Christ. How do you think we will be when the final test comes, which surely will, and find us so close and scrupulous with the blessing which God gave us, and find us slothful servants not doing for His kingdom what He would have us to do. Is it any wonder He should say depart ye wicked and slothful servants. I hope to impress on every one of our church members that we are all responsible for the meager salaries that the servants of God receive. And we are requested to give as He prospers us. So you see it is a duty He requires of us, for the laborer is worthy of his hire. So may we all wake to this all-important duty, and go forth as God would have us, an army of valiant Christian soldiers fighting under the banner of King Emanuel. Respectfully submitted.

A. S. LOCKLEAR.

Committee.

The report was discussed by A. S. Locklear, and by motion, adopted.

By motion, the Treasurer made the following report :

Received of the Association \$21.08, and \$5.65, total \$26.73. For printing minutes and Clerk fees \$22.00; Balance on hand \$4.73.

Respectfully,

E. SAMPSON,
Treasurer.

By motion, Bro. E. F. Warwick conduct prayer and praise service to-morrow at 9:30.

By motion, we call off until to-morrow at 10 A. M. Hymn No. 568 was sung. Prayer by Bro. T. E. Maynor leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY SESSION.

After the prayer service conducted by Bro. Warwick, the Association came together for business. The Moderator opened the Association by reading 1st Psalms. Hymn No. 550 was sung. Prayer by Bro. James Rodgers leading.

By motion, the roll was called and a majority being present. The proceedings of yesterday was read and approved. The Moderator declared the House ready for business, and extended an invitation to Visiting Brethren, Corresponding Messengers, newly constituted churches.

By motion, the Committee on Foreign Missions made their report.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your Committee submit the following report: Foreign Missions is one of the most prominent ways by which the Gospel is carried to Foreign fields. It is our duty as Missionaries to contribute liberal our means to help sustain those suffering Missionaries in the field, especially those laboring among the heathen. Oh! think for a moment, what fearful contests those Missionaries come in contact with, and often suffer fearful consequences in order to extend the word of God to a benighted people. That many people

may be brought to Christ, and in the liberty of the Gospel and be brought to marvelous light of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

J. C. CLARK,

J. E. HUNT,

R. D. HUNT,

Committee.

The report was discussed by James Rodgers, Rev. J. E. Hunt, P. P. Locklear and the Moderator. And then there was a collection taken up for Foreign Missions amounting to \$2.25.

By motion, the Treasurer was ordered to send the money to the State Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

By motion, the Association recommend that every Minister who has churches in charge to preach two sermons each year for the benefit of Foreign Missions and report at the next Association.

By motion, the Treasurer of the Institute made the following report:

The Institute Missionaries report—

Received from Reedy Branch church,	\$63.07
" " Piney Grove church,	10.50
" " Smyrna church,	3.00
" " Miss Florence Clark, Missionary.	7.92
" " Miss Bertha Hunt, "	6.00
Total,	<u>\$ 90.49</u>

REV. J. E. HUNT,

General Missionary,

By motion, the report was received by the Committee and the Treasurer ordered to pay the Missionary \$10.49 leaving a ballance of 80.00 on hand. The Treasurers report last year was as follows:

Cash \$59.09 to withdraw \$11.97; By balance on hand \$47.12. By total amount on hand \$127.12.

EVERETT SAMPSON,

A. R. CHAVIS,

W. G. HUNT,

Finance Committee of the Institute.

By motion, the report was received.

By motion, the Association adopted the plan of the Institute.

By motion, Rev. J. E. Hunt was re-elected Missionary for the Institute.

By motion, Bros E Sampson, A R Chavis and W G. Hunt was re-elected Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

By motion, we call off until 2 P. M. Doxology was sung, benediction by the Moderator. At 12 M. the congregation listened to the Charitable sermon, delivered by Rev. Gilbert Locklear.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled for business at 2 o'clock.

By motion, the Committee on Sabbath School submitted the following report:

We do recommend that each church in the Association see to it that a good lively Sabbath School be organized in the churches, and properly conducted for the young people. As we do believe this to be a good method for softening the minds of the young people for the reception of the Gospel at an early age. So brethren help the cause by attending the Sabbath School.

REV. J. W. HUGGINS,
Committee.

By motion, the report was received and appended to the minutes.

By motion, the Committee on Prayer Meeting submitted the following report:

But if I lowly fall and thus in faith I call: Through Christ, O Lord; I pray Thee, give me not what I would, but what seems best to Thee, of life, of health, of service and of strength, until to Thy full joy I come at length. My prayer shall then avail. The blessing will not fail, of course the blessing can not fail; this is true

prayer. It has in it all the elements of humility, faith, submission to the will of God, desire for service and the fullness of God's joy in the heart. We all need to pray the prayer of the Disciples: Lord teach us to pray, we know not what things to pray for, but the Spirit maketh intercession for us with groanings that can not be uttered. We urge every church to organize a weekly prayer meeting in every locality. Respectfully yours,

P. P. LOCKLEAR.

Committee.

The report was discussed by Rev. P. P. Locklear, and by motion adopted.

By motion, the letter from Oak Grove church be read, and the delegates recognized.

By motion, the letter was received, and the delegates' names enrolled as follows:

Rev. N. P. Sanderson, John Scott and E. B. Haywood.

By motion, the location for the next meeting was taken up, and by motion, was located with the church at Oak Grove, Scotland county, N. C., commencing Tuesday before the first Sunday in November 1906.

By motion, Revs. Gilbert Locklear, P. P. Locklear J. W. Huggins and J. E. Hunt were appointed to visit the churches that fail to represent in the Association and Unions, and make a report of the cause of the negligence.

By motion, the Clerk was allowed \$7 for his services.

By motion, we have 300 copies of the minutes of this Association printed with the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

By motion, the Finance Committee made their report:

Received for minute funds.....	\$ 14.65
Home Mission	\$ 3.22

REV. J. E. HUNT,

A. A. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

MINUTES OF BURNT SWAMP

By motion, the report was received, and Committee discharged.

By motion, the money be paid to the Treasure.

By motion, we request all the ministers to urge their churches to send money to the next Union to settle with Missionary.

By motion, Rev. Gilbert Locklear was re-appointed Missionary for the ensuing year.

By motion, the delegates from each church are recommended to appoint a member of their respective churches for the purpose of collecting funds for Home and Foreign Missions.

By motion, the Association recommend the Ministers and Deacons that compose this Association to meet at Reedy Branch church Saturday night before the 4th Sunday in November 1905, for the purpose of organizing a Preachers' and Deacons' Association.

By motion, all the unfinished business be left with the Moderator and Clerk.

By motion, there was a vote of thanks extended to Piney Grove church and community for their kindness and hospitality towards the foreigners and delegates during this meeting.

By motion, we stand adjourn until the time and place appointed. Hymn No. 640 was sung. Prayer by Rev. P. P. Locklear leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

Elder GILBERT LOCKLEAR,
ARREN S. LOCKLEAR, Moderator,
Clerk and Treasurer.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 2. A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the case and matters as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

ART. 6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from this body without permission from the Association.

ART. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.

ART. 8. No person shall engage in light or frivolous conversation, laughing ect., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

ART. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other than that of brother.

ART. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the rules of decorum.

ART. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall be the last to speak on a subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

ART. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willingly break any of these rules shall be reprovved by the Association, as it shall think proper.

ART. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the confession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to keep the following government:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments as delegates.

ART. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

ART. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

ART. 5. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen by the members present.

ART. 7. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator, giving the right hand of fellowship. Provided, no newly constituted church shall be admitted within six miles of a Baptist Church, unless there is a swamp or creek to divide, unless a church of other denomination consents to turn over to the Baptists.

ART. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

ART. 9. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and before it be debated the Moderator

shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for it being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

ART. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of, which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

ART. 13. The annual session of the Association shall be on Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have the book present at each annual session.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected, if need be) and signed by the Clerk and Moderator before the Association adjourns.

ART. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper. 7. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principals of religion. 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Church Expenses	Benevolence	Minute Fund	Foreign Missions	Sunday Schools	Home Missions
Burnt Swamp	1	1	1	7	2		30	50	80	\$40 00	\$	\$ 1 30		\$	\$4 00
Deep Branch	1	4	1	1	1		17	27	44			2 35			
Reedy Branch	5		1	1	1	1	35	73	108	50 00	18 25	2 50		3 65	3 00
Mt. Olive		1			2	1	19	37	56			2 40		12 38	
Piney Grove	5		2	2			13	42	55	77 61		1 50			
Mt. Moriah						1	14	28	42						
Oak Grove	2	1	1	1	5	1	15	60	75			1 35			
Smyrna	1	1	1		5	2	11	23	34						
Antioch	2				3		10	29	39	3 45		1 00			1 40
Rowland							8	12	20			1 00			
Pleasant View	2	1	4	1	3		7	13	20	2 00		75			
Union Grove	13						8	5	13	50		50			50

For Educational purposes—\$63.07.



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twenty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

SCOTLAND COUNTY, N. C.

October 30, 31 and November 1, 1906.

The next session will be held with the Burnt Swamp Baptist church, commencing Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1907.

REV. GILBERT LOCKLEAR,
MODERATOR.

W. G. HUNT,
CLERK AND TREAS.

PROCEEDINGS

1. Hutter's Ferry—M. C. Chavis, A. N. Locklear, W. M. Lowry.
2. Rowland—James Rodgers
6. Deep Branch—F. L. Locklear, J. C. Clark, Everett Sampson.
7. Reedy Branch—J. W. Huggins, W. G. Hunt, J. E. Hunt.
8. Smyrna—H. A. Morgan, E. F. Field, J. H. Hogans.
9. Oak Grove—Wesley Clark, N. P. Sanderson, Andrew Locklear.
10. Bear Swamp—Z. R. Chavis, N. P. Cummings, J. G. Chavis.
11. Mt. Olive—James A. Locklear, John Chavis, Atlas Locklear.
12. Magnolia—J. W. Blanks, J. J. Bell.
13. Piney Grove—S. H. Hunt, Lit Hunt, Stephen Hunt.
14. Mt. Mariah—E. F. Worick, Daniel Godwin, K. H. Jones.
15. Union Grove, J. M. Seberry, W. A. Mayner, Archie Mayner.

After calling roll of the delegates and finding a majority present, the moderator declared the house ready for business. Also extending an invitation to visiting brethren and messengers and newly constituted churches.

At this point the election of officers was held. Rev. Gilbert Locklear was re-elected Moderator and W. G. Hunt Clerk and Treasurer.

By motion, Bros. S. R. Chavis, Andrew Locklear and W. A. Maner were appointed a committee of arrangement.

By motion, the report on Home Mission was taken up, read and discussed.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We hereby endorse Home Mission work, for it is the greatest work we find to do. Let every Christian be awakened to the great need of Home Mission work, for on it depends the saving of our neighbor and neighbor's children. Let every member of Christ endeavor to do more for Home Missions in the future than ever before, financially and by personal labors. And may God help us so to do.

Rev. J. W. Huggins,
Committee.

The Report was spoken to by Rev. P. P. Locklear, Jas. Rodgers, Rev. S. E. Hunt, J. M. Sebarry and A. N. Locklear, then abopted.

By motion the committee on arrangement make their report.

Preaching tonight at early candle light, by Rev. P. P. Locklear, aided by Rev. J. C. Clark. Preaching to-morrow by Rev. J. M. Sebarry, aided by Rev. N. P. Sanderson.

Yours respectfully,

Z. R. Chavis,
Andrew Locklear.
W. A. Mayner,
Committee.

By motion, the Report of the committee be received and printed in the minutes.

By motion, Bro. Z. R. Chavis conduct Prayer service to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

By motion, we call off until to-morrow at 9.30 o'clock. Singing hymn No. 286, prayer by the Moderator and benediction by W. G. Hunt.

SECOND DAY.

After prayer services, the Association continued and opened by prayer by the Moderator leading.

By motion the roll is called and a majority being present the Moderator declared the house in order and ready for business, and inviting visiting brethren and newly constituted churches. At this time the letter from Pleasant View church was presented.

By motion the letter was read and received and the delegates' names were enrolled, being in order.

By motion the report on education was called for and read by Brother A. S. Locklear.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, have viewed the condition of general education in this Association very carefully and we are today in as good reach of as good educational facilities as any of our sister associations. The Normal School situated near Pates, Robeson county, N. C., stands at the head of our educational institutions through the able management of the trustees and County Board of Education. It offers to the young men and young women of our race an opportunity to fully prepare themselves to enter the field as teachers or to enter any of the higher educational institutions of this or any other State, which they may enter. We heartily recommend the work of the trustees in securing the present faculty. It shows that they aim to have our high school second to none in this county. And we should encourage all of our young men and women to embrace the opportunity presented to them to secure a high school education. They have put forth every effort to make the school what it should be. We have a good public school system of which we are justly proud and we would encourage all the parents of children in our bounds to see to it that their children attend the public schools where they can prepare themselves to enter the higher school.

Brethren we think that we should be proud of these opportunities and we should do all we can in making these our schools all that could be desired by any one. We should wake up to the fact that we are far behind in general education, but we should never cease until all the schools are properly patronized.

Your committee,

A. S. Locklear.

He then introduced Brother A. N. Locklear to discuss the report. By motion, it is adopted and appended to the minutes.

At this time the letter from Piney Grove church and also from Smyrna church were presented. By motion, they were read and received and their delegates' names enrolled.

By motion, Rev. J. J. Bell, A. S. Locklear and A. N. Locklear were appointed to draw up a program of the next meeting of the Association in 1907.

By motion, the report on prayer meetings was called for and read by W. G. Hunt.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Prayer meetings are much needed in all of our churches. We believe it is the place of training and improving our newly converts in the churches the more of their duty. Then brothers, prayer is a power. Then if we believe that prayer is the key of the Kingdom, let every church procure the key of faith unto a Throne of Grace.

Your committee,

W. G. Hunt.

The report was spoken of by Rev. N. P. Sanderson and then adopted.

By motion, the time of the meeting of Association be changed to Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1907.

By motion, the report on temperance is called for and read.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

But you bite and devour one another take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. This I say then walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Temperance is self-control and does not mean self-indulgence as far as there is safety. It means self merely with a thinking man will involve his relations to others as well as the possible dangers to himself. The Bible temperance is therefore the total abstinence of self, merely self-controlled.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. C. Clark.

By motion, it was discussed by Rev. J. C. Clark then adopted and appened to the minutes.

By motion, we call off until 1.30 o'clock.

Then the stand was filled according to program, by Rev. J. M. Sebery, aided by Rev. N. P. Sanderson who preached taking as text Matt. 26:46, "Rise let us be going, behold he is at hand that doth betray me."

After the sermon dinner was prepared and served to the delegates, preachers and visitors.

PROCEEDINGS

AFTERNOON.

The Moderator called together the Association in reassembly.

By motion the committee on program of the next meeting of the Association make their report.

REPORT ON PROGRAM.

First day—Meet Thursday before the third Sunday in November at 11 o'clock.

Introductory sermon by Rev. A. D. Locklear assisted by J. J. Bell at 1:30 p. m. Come to order for business, call the roll of churches, receiving church letters and enrolling the delegates' names, invitation to visiting brethren, corresponding messengers and newly constituted churches. At 2.30 p. m. report on periodicals by Brother E. Sampson.

Second day—Meet at 9.30 a. m. Prayer and praise service by Brother Z. R. Chavis at 10 o'clock a. m. Report on General Education by Brother A. N. Locklear at 11 o'clock. Report on Ministerial Education by Rev. J. J. Bell. At 12 o'clock sermon by Rev. Jordan Chavis.

Afternoon—Meet at 2 o'clock p. m. Report on prayer Meetings by Brother Hugh Smith. At 3 o'clock Report on Temperance by Rev. P. P. Locklear. At 3.30 o'clock report on Sabbath Schools by Rev. J. W. Huggins.

Third day—Meet at 9.30 o'clock, prayer and praise service by Rev. N. P. Sanderson. At 10 o'clock report on Baptist Institute by Rev. J. E. Hunt. At 11 o'clock report on Home Missions by Rev. Gilbert Locklear. At 12 o'clock sermon by Rev. J. C. Clark.

Afternoon—Meet at 2 o'clock, report on Pastorial Support by Brother W. G. Hunt. At 3 o'clock report on Ministers Relief by Rev. N. P. Sanderson.

Sunday Services—Meet at 10 o'clock Sunday School lesson taught by Rev. J. M. Sebery. At 12 o'clock Charitable Sermon by Rev. J. W. Blanks.

Yours submitted,

J. J. Bell,

A. S. Locklear.

A. N. Locklear,
Committeemen.

By motion, the report of committee be received and committee be discharged and appenned to minutes.

By motion the location of next Association was taken up and was seated in the house of worship at Burnt Swamp church.

By motion report on Educational Institute be called far.

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

After seeing the great need of an Educational Institute, where our children can be trained. Believing that an edecational improvement in our Association is very needful where our children may be brought up that they may have some stability of principle and not be so easily carried about by the deceit and cunning craftness of man who lie in wait to deceive us and desiring this thing, I do recommend to this Association that this Association endorse the efforts that are now being made to build an Educational Institute in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. P. P. Locklear.

By motion it was received, adopted and appenned to the minutes.

By motion the Institute Missionary make a report of his work for 1906.

I. J. E. Hunt received this year 1906:

Reedy Branch Church.....	\$107 60
Bear Swamp Church.....	21 55
Deep Branch Church.....	7 00
Old Bethel M. E. Church.....	1 05
Mt. Moriah	5 15
Rowland Church	1 00
Miss Sefrona Hammons, wissionary,.....	3 21
Rev. J. C. Clark	18 30
Mr. James Jacobs	18 55
Piney Grove Church.....	5 15
Total	\$ 179 69
Paid out in all.....	267 26
I have on hand	24 15

Rev. J. E. Hunt,

General Missionary and Treasurer.

Report be received and appenned to the minutes.

By motion the Finance Committe make their report.

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We, your committee, have received from different churches for the Minute fund \$23.44. Home Mission Fund 47, making a total of \$23.91.

J. J. Bell,
A. N. Locklear,
Committee.

By motion the report be received and money paid over to the Treasurer.

By motion the Missionary make report of his work.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren: I have done all I could under the circumstances in Home Mission work. The field is great if we will add strength to our Association. We should embrace these opportunities. I have visited several places where there can be some good mission work done. So brethren send the mission on. The Board has paid me up except \$1.00.

Yours
Rev. Gilbert Locklear.

By motion, that Rev. Gilbert Locklear be re-elected Missionary for 1907.

By motion, the same board be continued as before.

By motion, the same finance board be continued for the Burnt Swamp Institute.

By motion, Rev. J. E. Hunt is appointed Missionary for the Institute for 1907.

By motion, the former treasurer make his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of former treasurer.....	\$ 4 73
Received from Association.....	14 65
Received from Union at Oak Grove.....	2 63
Total	<hr/> \$ 22 00
Paid Clerk	7 00
Printing of minutes.....	15 00
	<hr/> \$ 22 00

A. S. Locklear,
Treasurer.

By motion report be received and appended to the minutes.

By motion, we settle with the clerk and pay him \$7.00 for his services.

By motion, the clerk have 300 copies of the minutes printed of this Association.

By motion, a vote of thanks be given the people of Oak Grove for their kindness and care of the Association.

By motion, all unfinished business be left in hands of Moderator and Clerk.

By motion, we adjourn until the next meeting of the next Association, which will meet with Burnt Swamp church commencing Thursday before the Third Sunday in November 1907. After singing a praise hymn, prayer by Rev. Jordan Chavis, benediction was pronounced by the Moderator. Closed.

Rev. Gilbert Locklear,
Moderator.

W. G. Hunt,
Clerk and Treasurer.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech,

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the case and matters as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

Art. 6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from this body without permission from the Association.

Art. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.

Art. 8. No person shall engage in light or frivolous conversation, laughing, etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

Art. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and call over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last to speak on a subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willing break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as it shall think proper.

Art. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a confession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in a union. We, therefore, propose to keep the following plan of government:

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments as delegates.

Art. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

Art. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

Art. 5. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen by the members present.

Art. 7. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator, giving the right-hand of fellowship. Provided, no newly constituted church shall be admitted within six miles of a Baptist Church, unless there is a swamp or creek to divide, unless a church of other denomination consents to turn over to the Baptists.

Art. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

Art. 9. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and before it be debated the moderator

shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for it being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of, which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 13. The annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the third Sunday in November at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have the book present at each annual session.

Art. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected, if need be) and signed by the Clerk and Moderator before the Association adjourns.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper. 7. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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81
120

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND SUNDAYS OF PREACHING.

Reedy Branch,.....	J. J. Bell,.....	First Sunday.
Mt. Olive,	A. D. Locklear,	Second Sunday.
Pleasant View,.....	J. W. Blanks,.....	Fourth Sunday.
Ashpole, .....	.....	.....
Deep Branch,.....	A. D. Locklear,.....	Fourth Sunday.
Harpers Ferry,.....	A. D. Locklear,.....	Third Sunday.
Burnt Swamp,.....	J. W. Blanks,.....	Third Sunday.
Piney Grove,.....	P. P. Locklear,.....	Third Sunday.
Rowland,	P. P. Locklear,	Fourth Sunday.
Smyrna,	P. P. Locklear,.....	First Sunday.
Mt. Moriah,.....	J. J. Bell,.....	Third Sunday.
Antioch,	J. J. Bell,.....	.....
Magnolia,	J. C. Clark,.....	First Sunday.
Bear Swamp,	J. W. Huggins,.....	First Sunday.
Union Grove,.....	Gilbert Locklear,.....	First Sunday.

CHURCHES AND MEMBERS.

	MALE	FEMALE
Burnt Swamp,	28	56
Reedy Branch,	39	81
Deep Branch,	16	27
Magnolia,	16	36
Piney Grove,	13	55
Bear Swamp,	10	33
Harpers Ferry,	10	12
Mt. Olive,	18	36
Mt. Moriah,	11	30
Antioch,	10	25
Rowland,	3	14
Pleasant View,	12	15
Oak Grove,	14	61
Smyrna,	8	21
Union Grove,	10	8

218 510

Total number members 728

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Deat. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Mem- bership.	Church Ex- pense.	Benevolence.	Minute Fund.	Sons.	Sunday Schools.	Home Missions.	Education.
Burnt Swamp	14	2	2	4	1	28	56	84	2 25	2 15	1 75	1 55	10	85	2 75	107 60
Reedy Branch	11	5	1	2	1	39	81	120	50 00	10 78	3 00	2 00	2 00	85	2 00	7 00
Deep Branch	1	1	1	1	1	16	27	43			1 00	2 00	2 00		2 40	
Magnolia	1					13	55	68	55 25	4 00	2 00	00	00		2 00	5 13
Pinney Grove	6	1		3	3	10	33	43	48 19	1 63	1 50	1 50	55	11 70	2 90	21 55
Bear Swamp						10	12	22	18 00	6 06	2 11	1 70	55	1 75	2 00	5 15
Harpers Ferry						11	30	41	35 00		2 05	1 70			2 35	
Mt. Olive						1	10	25			1 25					
Mt. Moriah						2	1	17	25 00							
Antioch	1					3	14	17								
Rowland	2					12	15	27								
Pleasant View	6					14	61	75								
Oak Grove	1					8	21	29								
Smyrna						10	8	18								
Union Grove	5	1													1 00	
Total	38	4	12	7	25	11	218	510	728	233 69	26 12	26 21	10	14 60	\$16 07	\$ 147 45

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twenty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP
Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.

November 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1907.

The next annual session will be held with the Mt. Olive Church, Robeson County,
N. C. Commencing on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in November 1908

GILBERT LOCKLEAR, Moderator,
A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk and Treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Rev. J. W. Blanks.....	Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D.
Rev. J. J. Bell.....	Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D.
Rev. Wm. Sampson.....	Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. 6.
Rev. J. E. Hunt.....	Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. 3.
Rev. J. W. Huggins.....	McDonalds, N. C.
Rev. N. P. Sanderson.....	Laurinburg, N. C.
Rev. Z. B. Brooks.....	Raynham, N. C., R. F. D.
Rev. A. D. Locklear.....	Buie, N. C., R. F. D.
Rev. Gilbert Locklear.....	Lowe, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Clark.....	Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. 6.
Rev. Jordan Chavis.....	Rowland, N. C., R. F. D. 3.
Rev. P. P. Locklear.....	
Rev. A. T. Taylor.....	

LICENCED LOCALS:

E. F. Warrick.....	Lumberton, N. C. R. F. D., 6.
W. G. Hunt.....	Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. 6.
Hugh Smith.....	
J. M. Soberry.....	Dunn, N. C.
S. J. Chavis.....	Lumberton, N. C.
S. Lowrie.....	
Z. R. Chavis.....	
G. J. Chavis.....	
T. H. Hammons.....	
R. H. Carter.....	
Wesley Clark.....	
K. H. Jones.....	

PROCEEDINGS.

The Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association met in its 28th Annual Session at Burnt Swamp Church November 14, 1907, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. J. Bell. Text, Gal. 6:9. "And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Prayer was then offered by Bro. J. C. Clark. The Association then adjourned till 1.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After dinner had been, apparently enjoyed by all, the Moderator called the Association together at 1.30 p. m. by reading 4th chapter of Peter. Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. W. Huggins.

The roll of churches was called. A majority being found present.

By motion the letters from the different churches were called for and read.

By motion a Finance Committee was appointed consisting of Bros. J. J. Bell and A. A. Locklear.

After hearing the letters read, by motion, they were received.

By motion the roll of delegates were called and a majority found present.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES.

1. Antioch—Hugh Smith and J. F. Revels.
2. Burnt Swamp—Rev. Gilbert Locklear and A. A. Locklear.
3. Bear Swamp—Z. R. Chavis and J. G. Chavis.
4. Deep Branch—Angus Chavis and E. Sampson.
5. Friendship—Allen Jacobs.
6. Harpers Ferry—A. N. Locklear and M. C. Chavis.

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7. Mt. Olive—J. R. Sampson and E. C. Chavis.
8. Magnolia—J. W. Blanks and J. J. Bell.
9. Mt. Moriah—Neill Hammons and E. F. Warrick.
10. Oak Grove—J. M. Pate.
11. Pleasant View—O. B. Barnes and John Hunt.
12. Piney Grove—Redding Hunt and Stephen Hunt.
13. Reedy Branch—W. G. Hunt and R. H. Carter.
14. Rowland—James Rogers and R. D. Rogers.
15. Union Grove—W. A. Maynor and Joseph Maynor.
16. Smyrna—J. H. Hagans and H. A. Morgan.

The Moderator then declared the house open and ready for business, extending an invitation to Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches, and visiting brethren.

A petition from Friendship church was presented and read.

By motion Bros. J. J. Bell, M. C. Chavis, J. C. Clark and P. P. Locklear were appointed as a committee to investigate the condition of the above church. At this time the election of officers were taken up.

By motion, Rev. Gilbert Locklear was re-elected Moderator, and A. N. Locklear, Clerk of the present Association.

By motion, the report on Periodicals be tabled till tomorrow, and be reported by Bro. A. A. Locklear.

By motion, the Association adjourn to meet tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

SECOND DAY.

The Association was opened by the moderator, reading 4th chapter 2nd Tim., and using music No. 522—"O, for a thousand tongues to sing," then prayer by Bro. E. D. Hunt.

By motion, the roll of delegates was called.

By motion, the Journals of yesterday was read and received, allowing the Clerk to make proper corrections.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business, and extended an invitation to visiting brethren and Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches.

By motion, the Association settle with the Clerk, allowing him ten dollars for services rendered.

By motion, the report on Periodicals was called for, and read by Bro. A. A. Locklear.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Baptist believe in culture and education. Culture means more to a Baptist than to any other man, because he stands for more great truths. We have ever stood for proper information. Our wise men saw this, and more than seventy years ago, founded the "Biblical Recorder," and it has ever since served as the organ of our denomination. No Baptist can be well informed about our work in North Carolina, who does not read it.

Other leading Baptist papers, such as "Charity & Children" "The North Carolina Baptist" and the Foreign Mission Journal, all are doing a great work and should have a hearty support from this Association.

Remember too, that the Sunday School Literature should not be neglected.

A. A. Locklear, Committee.

The report was discussed by Bro. A. A. Locklear and Rev. F. A. Prevatt, then by motion was adopted.

By motion, the report on General Education was called for, and read by Bro. A. N. Locklear.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

By General Education, we mean to educate all the children,—the rich, the poor, the forsaken and the cast off, in every part of our noble State.

To make education general, I will not only say, educate the children of Robeson County, or North Carolina, but send it adrift and broadcast to every nook and corner of this grand Union of ours.

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Why is this wise? First, its our duty. Second, because in educating all, we are sure to prepare the right ones. Some may say, why did you take so much space? Because our interest extends from ocean to ocean and from the lakes to the gulf, with the general government as the center to which we all cling.

Now, let me speak of home, take care of it, always know that it's the dearest and best spot on the earth, because you have labored to make it so. Let "Charity begin at home." Send your children to school and prepare them for a life of usefulness. Education don't mean that you shall have soft-hands and get a living by not doing anything but rather to work, do it better and in a shorter time than you could without an education.

I want to say to the Indian people of Robeson and adjoining counties you have as good educational advantages, locally, as as any people perhaps in the State of North Carolina. What we need as a people, is to fully avail ourselves of the advantages and opportunities that surround us.

Begin the education of your children around your own hearth-stone, and be sure you set the right examples, for the first impressions are the lasting ones.

Diffuse this general education from your homes, from your pulpits, and finally, my fellow school teachers, let us say that this general education shall be spread and realized and known as a help to every Indian home at least in Robeson and adjoining counties.

We have about 24 public schools and 23 teachers in these counties, a Normal School, backed up by State strength, fully equipped with a good principal, Prof. H. L. Edens, and a model expert teacher in the person of Miss Myrtle E. Sharpe.

What could be more convenient? Come now with me, let's raise the cry, educate the children and they'll aspire high. See that they are educated, metally, morally and physically.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. Locklear, Committee.

The above report, after being discussed by the brethren A. N. Locklear, F. A. Prevatt, A. A. Locklear and the Moderator, was by order adopted.

By motion, the Association take a recess for dinner and refreshments, of one hour, meet again at 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by singing hymn No. 987, then prayer by the Moderator.

By motion, the report on Ministerial Education was called for and read by Rev. J. J. Bell.

The report after being spoken on by Bros. Bell, A. N. Locklear and Rev. F. A. Prevatt, was ordered adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The new awakening of our people to the importance of Ministerial Education is a growing interest and is made manifest by the demand for trained ministers, invokes our most earnest and prayerful attention. This is an age of specialism, and demands specially equipped and qualified ministers.

We should strongly urge our young candidates for the ministry the great importance of good school training, and of the vital importance of such a preparation and life that will take no denial.

That we may train and untie their hands that they may go forth solely and specially to become the instructors and leaders of men in all that pertains to our Lord's Church and Kingdom.

J. J. Bell, Committee.

Bro. Wm. Goings gave a short lecture of inquiry, which was, it seems, to find out whether or not the Association would receive his church or not, it being in South Carolina.

By motion, Bros. J. W. Blanks and J. J. Bell, were appointed as a committee to visit Bro. Goings' church in Sumter County, S. C., and learn their needs and desires and make their report some time in the year 1908.

By motion, the committee on Friendship church made their report, and the right-hand of fellowship was extended its delegates.

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REPORT ON FRIENDSHIP CHURCH.

We, your committee on investigating the church, find it orthodox, and recommend it to this body. We also recommend that a committee be appointed to investigate the charge against Bro. Taylor.

P. P. Locklear,
J. C. Clark,
J. J. Bell,
M. C. Chavis,
Committee.

By motion, Bros. P. P. Locklear, J. J. Bell and J. C. Clark were appointed a committee to wait on Bro. A. T. Taylor.

By motion, a committee on Program was appointed consisting of Bros. A. A. Locklear, J. W. Huggins and J. J. Bell.

REPORT ON PROGRAM.

First day—Meet Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1908, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. W. Blanks, assisted by Rev. J. W. Huggins. At 1.30 o'clock p. m. come to order for business, calling the roll of churches, receiving church letters, enrolling the names of the delegates and extending an invitation to visiting brethren, corresponding messengers and newly constituted churches. At 2.30 o'clock, report on Periodicals by Bro. A. N. Locklear.

Second day—Meet at 9.30 a. m. Report on Prayer and Praise Services by Z. R. Chavis. At 10 a. m. Report on General Education by A. A. Locklear. At 11 a. m. Report on Ministerial Education by Rev. J. W. Huggins.

Afternoon—Meet at 2 p. m. Report on Prayer Meeting by Rev. P. P. Locklear. At 3 o'clock report on Sunday School by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

Third day—Meet at 9.30 a. m. Prayer and praise services by the Moderator. 10 a. m. report on Home Missions by Bro. W. G. Hunt. 11 a. m. report on Pastorial Support by Rev. J. J. Bell.

Afternoon—2 p. m. report on Ministerial Relief by G. J. Chavis.

Sunday—Meet at 10 a. m. 10.30 Sabbath School lecture by Bro. A. S. Locklear. 12 Charitable Sermon by Rev. Gilbert Locklear.

J. J. Bell,
A. A. Locklear,
J. W. Huggins,
Committee.

By motion, the report on Prayer Meeting was read by Bro. Hugh Smith.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

Prayer is the vital breath of Christian experience. He who prays languidly will be a languid Christian.

He who ceases to pray will cease from living a Christian life.

A wide-awake and lively church is the result of prayer.

Prayer is the only means man has to communicate with his God.

We urge every church in the Burnt Swamp Association to organize a weekly prayer meeting.

Hugh Smith Committee.

After the above report was spoken on by Bro. Smith and the Moderator, it was ordered adopted

THIRD DAY.

The Association was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Warrick.

By motion, the delegates were called.

By motion, the proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Moderator then declared the house open and ready for the transaction of business and invited visiting brethren, corresponding messengers and newly constituted churches.

By motion, the report on Sabbath Schools was read by Rev. J. W. Huggins.

After the report was discussed by Bro. Huggins and Bro. J. W. Blanks, the same was by motion adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL.

Sabbath School is one of the grandest works of the church, in many ways. It teaches manners to the young. It is the spirit of God at work among the brethren and sisters. Let us do more for this grand cause than every before. Let every church endeavor to have a Sunday School rally, in connection with the Sunday School Association in the year 1908.

J. W. Huggins, Committee.

By motion, this Association, recommend all its churches to organize themselves into a Sabbath School Association.

By motion, J. W. Huggins, Rev. J. C. Clark and Bro. A. A. Locklear be appointed a committee of arrangement for the Sabbath School Association.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

We, your committee favor meeting Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in January 1908. We recommend also that every school vacate for this purpose and send delegates to same.

Rev. J. C. Clark,
J. W. Huggins,
A. A. Locklear,
Committee.

By motion, the committee be discharged.

By motion, the Sunday School Association was located at Deep Branch Church.

The report on Temperance was brought forth by Rev. P. P. Locklear and discussed by Bros. A. A. Locklear and A. N. Locklear and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Moderate drinking tends to drunkenness while total abstinence is directed from it. The drinking habit is the cause of a large per cent. of the misery, poverty and crime of our country. Eternal interest is often forfeited through strong drink. For the Bible declares that no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

P. P. Locklear, Committee.

The report on the Institute at Reedy Branch was called for and read by Bro. J. E. Hunt.

After several serious discussions on the matter, the Association decided to drop the Institute, and grant all donations to the brethren at Reedy Branch as their own to use as they choose.

By motion, a recess of one hour was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock. Everybody sang freely and Bro. Clark led in prayer.

By motion, the location of the next Association was taken up and located at Mt. Olive Church.

Bro. L. E. Tyner was granted an honorary seat in the Association to-day as was Bro. F. A. Prevatt on yesterday.

By motion, the committee on Home Missions made the following report.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home is the place that ought to be loved, therefore we should make haste to send the Gospel to the dark corners of Robeson and adjoining counties at least and especially try to help the Indian people, who are not so well provided for as we are here in Robeson County.

The mission work has been the cause of the Indian people of Cumberland County to demand and have separate schools of their own and Baptist churches where they can worship God under their own vine and fig tree. The Missionary has a call to Sampson County. He has had the hearty co-operation of the Board. We urge the rapid move of the mission work, for it is one of the ways that God has of carrying the truth to men, which, when believed, makes them free.

Rev. Gilbert Locklear, Committee.

The above report, after being deliberately debated, was by motion, ordered adopted.

By motion, Rev. J. W. Blanks be appointed Missionary for the year 1908.

By motion, the report on Pastoral Support was read by Bro. W. G. Hunt. After hearing the discussion of the report, by motion, it was adopted.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in a union. We, therefore propose to keep the following plan of government :

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments as delegates.

Art. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

Art. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the interal rights of any church in the Union.

Art. 5. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen by the members present.

Art. 7. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Modertor giving the right-hand of fellowship. Provided, no newly constited church shall be admitted within six miles of a Baptist Church, unless their is a swamp or creek to divide, unless a church of other denomination consents to turn over to the Baptists.

Art. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

Art. 9. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall

put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for it being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of, which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sum as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 13. The annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the third Sunday in November at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have the book present at each annual session.

Art. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Clerk and Moderator before the Association adjourns.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper. 7. To adjourn any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by two-thirds vote of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the case and matters as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

Art. 6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from this body without permission from the Association.

Art. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.

Art. 8. No person shall engage in light or frivolous conversation, laughing etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

Art. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and call over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last to speak on a subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willing break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as it shall think proper.

Art. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

PROCEEDINGS

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CHURCHES, PASTORS AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Antioch,.....	J. J. Bell,.....	2nd Sunday
Burnt Swamp,.....	Gilbert Locklear,.....	3rd Sunday
Bear Swamp,.....	J. W. Huggins,.....	
Friendship,.....	A. T. Taylor,.....	
Harpers Ferry.....	A. D. Locklear,.....	3rd Sunday
Mt. Olive,.....	A. D. Locklear,.....	2nd Sunday
Magnolia,.....	J. W. Blanks,.....	1st Sunday
Mt. Moriah,.....	J. J. Bell,.....	3rd Sunday
Oak Grove,.....	J. C. Clark,.....	1st Sunday
Pleasant View,.....	J. W. Huggins,.....	2nd Sunday
Piney Grove,.....	P. P. Locklear,.....	
Reedy Branch,.....	J. J. Bell,.....	1st Sunday
Rowland,.....	P. P. Locklear,.....	4th Sunday
Smyrna,.....	Gilbert Locklear,.....	
Union Grove,.....	Gilbert Locklear,.....	1st Sunday
Deep Branch,.....	J. E. Hunt,.....	4th Sunday

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dist. by Letter	Excluded	Dis.	Members	Church Expenses	Generous	Minute Fund	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Pastor's Salary
Axteloch	11	1	1	1	1	1	16	\$ 20 00	---	\$ 2 00	25	33 40	\$	\$
Burnt Swamp	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Deep Branch	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Harpers Ferry	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Manola	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Mt. Olive	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Mt. Moriah	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Oak Grove	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Piney Grove	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Pleasant View	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Reedy Branch	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Smarna	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
Union Grove	11	1	1	1	1	1	30	12 00	---	2 00	25	7 00	---	20 20
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twenty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

MT. OLIVE CHURCH

November 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, 1908.

The next session of the Association will be held with the Church at Bear Swamp,
commencing Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in November 1909.

REV. J. E. HUNT, Moderator.
A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk and Treasurer.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Antioch	J. J. Bell	2nd Sunday
Burnt Swamp	Gilbert Locklear	3rd Sunday
Bear Swamp	J. W. Huggins	1st Sunday
Bethlehem	J. W. Blanks	4th Sunday
Deep Branch	J. E. Hunt	4th Sunday
Harpers Ferry	A. D. Locklear	3rd Sunday
Hope Well	Wm. Goings	
Mt. Olive	A. D. Locklear	2nd Sunday
Mt. Moriah	W. G. Hunt	3rd Sunday
Magnolia	J. W. Blanks	1st Sunday
Oak Grove	J. C. Clark	1st Sunday
Piney Grove	J. E. Hunt	3rd Sunday
Piney Hill	A. T. Taylor	3rd Sunday
Reedy Branch	J. E. Hunt	1st Sunday
Smyrna	Gilbert Locklear	2nd Sunday
Pleasant View	W. G. Hunt	
Union Grove	Gilbert Locklear	1st Sunday

PROCEEDINGS

The Burnt Swamp Association met in its 29th Annual Session with the Church at Mt. Olive, Thursday, Nov. 12th, 1908, at eleven o'clock.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Blanks.

A recess of one hour was given, during which time a nice dinner was enjoyed in the grove.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock by the Moderator, reading the 40th Psalm. After singing hymn 674, prayer was offered by the Moderator.

By motion, the Roll of Churches was called and a majority found present.

By motion, J. J. Bell and W. G. Hunt were appointed a Finance Committee.

By motion, the Church Letters were called for and read in the presence of the Association, and the delegates names enrolled as follows:

J. J. Bell
Hugh Smith
J. H. Smith
Gilbert Locklear
W. L. Scott
J. H. Locklear
Z. R. Chavis
E. D. Jacobs
A. N. Locklear
M. C. Chavis
E. Morgan
J. R. Sampson

Eli Chavis
J. A. Locklear
J. W. Blanks
T. H. Hammons
H. B. Harden
James K. Chavis
Neill Hammons
E. F. Warwick
D. D. Locklear
Wm. Brigman
Joseph E. Locklear
O. B. Barnes

Elias Orendine
 J. A. Santee
 S. M. Orendine
 Stephen Hunt
 James Hunt
 L. H. Hunt
 J. K. Hunt
 W. G. Hunt
 J. H. Hagans
 H. A. Morgan
 Eli Hagans
 E. Sampson

F. L. Locklear
 J. C. Clark
 N. P. Sanderson
 Dannie Lowrie
 D. J. Revels
 Quiller Locklear
 Wm. Goins
 W. D. Goins
 Wm. Burnie
 L. T. Burnie
 John A. Goins.

The Moderator now arose and extended an invitation to visiting brethren, Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted Churches.

By motion, the right-hand of fellowship was extended Piney Hill and Bethlehem churches.

By motion, Wm. Sampson, J. G. Hunt and J. W. Blanks were appointed a committee to investigate the Orthodoxy of Piney Hill Church.

By motion, Rev. J. E. Hunt was appointed Moderator.

By motion, A. N. Locklear was appointed Clerk and Treasurer.

By motion, the Report on Periodicals was read and discussed by A. N. Locklear.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is very necessary indeed for us to read, and it is of vital importance to read the right kind of Literature, for by reading we get information.

But the greatest book of literature that I can point this Association to for unmistakable knowledge, is the Bible.

Though I recommend to you the Biblical Recorder, and other religious literature, but I point you to none, save that which is published on Baptist authority.

I urge upon you the necessity to read more.

A. N. Locklear, Com.

By motion, the Committee on Arrangement—J. R. Sampson and Eli Chavis, reported preaching to-morrow at 12 o'clock by Rev. Wm. Goins.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 a. m.

SECOND DAY.

The Association convened in prayer and praise service conducted by Bro. Z. R. Chavis.

After service the Moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting friends, Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted Churches.

By motion, the Mt. Olive Church was appointed a Committee on Vigilance.

By motion, the Report on Ministerial Education was called for, and read by Rev. J. W. Huggins. The same was discussed by Bros. Huggins and A. N. Locklear, then adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Ministerial Education is one of the most important things that confront us to-day.

He that would teach, must first be taught.

If our ministers were better educated, we would have better churches and a more steady membership.

There are several reasons why our ministers should be educated—we then could get the true light of the Gospel. We could have differences settled easier and then they would be more able to confront the dark opinions often thrown at them because uneducated. With an education and the Spirit they are prepared for the journey and its obstacles.

J. W. Huggins, Com.

By motion, the Clerk was settled with, allowing him \$10.00 for his services.

By motion, the next Association be held with the Bear Swamp Church.

By motion, Bros. A. S. Locklear, J. J. Bell and Jas. A. Locklear be appointed a committee to draw a programme for the next Association.

By motion the Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. J. E. Hunt and discussed by Bros. Hunt and N. P. Sanderson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Sunday School is a grand work, and should be endorsed by young and old.

Sunday School is one of the great pillars of the Church. The good Sunday School keeps the Church in bloom.

We say to the aged if you want your church-going to be profitable, be a Sunday School member too, along with the children and help do the work. If you leave this work for your neighbor, he will leave it for you, and hence it is left undone.

We urge each pastor to put his shoulder to the wheel this year, and let us see if we cannot resurrect the Sunday School in Burnt Swamp Association.

J. E. Hunt, Com.

The Association recommended the organization of a Sunday School Association.

By motion, J. C. Clark, Geo. Locklear, Jas. A. Locklear, John Sampson and W. Hunt, be appointed a committee to locate the place and time of the Sunday School Association and draw programme for same.

The Association then adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

He arose and extended an invitation to visiting friends Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches.

By motion, the committee appointed to visit Sumter, make their report and be discharged.

By motion, the Letter from Hopewell Church in Sumter County, S. C., be read in presence of the body and the right-hand of fellowship extended its delegates.

By motion, the report on Home missions was read by Bro. W. G. Hunt. The same was discussed by Bros. Hunt, A. N. Locklear and J. W. Blanks.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We believe in Home Missions. Since Christ gave the grand commission, let us still help to roll the cause along.

We believe that every preacher is a missionary, and that he should force the cause wherever he goes.

We wish to see every gospel-hearer move up in this respect, for Christ said go and do the work and he would be with us in all times of need. Hence, we have no fear of starvation in the way.

W. G. Hunt, Com.

By motion, Rev. J. W. Blanks was re-elected Missionary for the year 1909.

By motion, the Home Mission Board made the following report.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

We, the Home Mission Board, submit the following report:

We have received in 1908.....	\$25 55
To balance due, 1907.....	4 43

Amount paid to Missionary.....	25 52
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Amount balance due	\$ 4 46
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J. J. Bell, Tres.

By motion, the Committee on Vigilance made their report and was discharged.

By motion, the Home Mission Board shall consist of a member from each Church of this Association. The Board is as follows:

Antioch	J. J. Bell
Burnt Swamp	A. A. Locklear
Bear Swamp	Z. R. Chavis
Deep Branch	J. C. Clark
Bethlehem	John A. Goins
Harpers Ferry	A. N. Locklear
Hopewell	W. W. Goins
Piney Grove	Stephen Hunt
Piney Hill	D. J. Revels
Oak Grove	N. P. Sanderson
Mt. Olive	Jas. A. Locklear
Magnolia	T. H. Hammons
Pleasant View	O. B. Barnes
Reedy Branch	T. H. Hunt
Smyrna	John Hagans

The Association then adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9.30 a. m.

THIRD DAY.

At 9.30 o'clock this morning prayer and praise services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Clark.

At the close of the services the Moderator arose and declared the house open and ready for the transaction of business, extending an invitation to visiting friends, Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches.

By motion, the proceedings of yesterday be read and the Roll of Delegates be called.

By motion, an Estimate work in preparing the boys and girls
sisting of Rev. J. W. le positions of life. We feel greatly in-
Rev. J. J. Bell, Rev. J. istees for their wise selection.

By motion, the Com you to help hold up this good work by
s to this school, and by doing so, they
lowing report: s may be honored, and citizens that any

REPORT

A. A. Locklear, Com.

Meet Thursday before 3rd Surned for dinner, to meet again
a. m.

The Introductory sermon by

G. Hunt. .RNOON.

At 1 o'clock come to order
Churches, receiving Church Lette'd to order at 2 o'clock p. m.
tending an Invitation to Visitin,
gers and Newly Constituted Churches by Rev. Gilbert Lock-

At 2.30 p. m. Report on Periodicals
Second day—Meet at 9.30 a. m. Praye house ready for busi-
John Sampson. visiting friends. Cor-

At 10 o'clock a. m., Report on General E'nstituted churches.
Locklear.

At 11 o'clock Report on Ministerial Educa'ial Support was
Smith. nd discussed by

Afternoon—Meet at 2 o'clock p. m. Report on
by Rev. J. J. Bell.

At 3 o'clock p. m. Report on Sabbath School by
Locklear.

Third day—Meet at 9.30 o'clock a. m. Prayer and praiseterested
by Rev. A. T. Taylor.

At 10. 00 o'clock a. m. Report on Home Missions by. J. to
Blanks.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Report on Pastorial Support by Rev. Wm.
Goins.

Afternoon—Meet at 2 o'clock p. m. Report on Ministerial Re-
lief by Bro. J. A. Santee.

Sunday—Meet at 10.00 a. m. Sunday School Lecture by Bro. A.
S. Locklear.

At 12.00 o'clock, Sermon by Rev. Wm. Goins.

J. J. Bell.

A. S. Locklear,

Jas A. Locklear,

Committee.

By motion, the Committee on the Sunday School report and was discharged. Report, with an Amend-

By motion, the Home Missions delegates with their of a member from each Church

The Board is as follows:

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Antioch the Church at Burnt Swamp
Burnt Swamp April 1909, and that J. W.
Bear Swamp ion.

Deep Branch Locklear draft rules for same, and
Bethlehem cture on that day.

Harpers Ferry	J. C. Clark,
Hopewell	J. A. Locklear,
Piney Grove	George Locklear,
Piney Hill	T. H. Hammons,
Oak Grove	J. R. Sampson,
Mt. Olive	Committee.
Magnolia	
Pleasant View	

Reedy Branch Educational Report was sent in by
Smyrna ear.

s read by the Clerk and discussed by Rev.

The Association, Rev. J. W. Blanks and A. N. Locklear,
9.30 a. m.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

General Education, we mean to educate the people of all
ages.

To make education general, is not only to educate the children
of Robeson County, and N. C., but to send it to all parts of the U. S.

Dear Brethren, we have not had the opportunities that the other
Races have had, but we have made wonderful progress in the edu-
cational work since 1887, when we were given separate schools.

At that time we had to get our teachers from other counties. But
since the State Normal has been established for the purpose of train-
ing teachers for school work, we have had our Robeson boys and
girls to take charge of our school rooms.

The State Normal has recently established a primary department
where the younger children have an exceptional advantage, where
they are prepared for the Normal. The present faculty consists of
Prof. H. L. Edens, Principal and Miss Belle Armstrong, Primary

teacher. They are doing fine work in preparing the boys and girls for the useful and honorable positions of life. We feel greatly indebted to our Board of Trustees for their wise selection.

Brethren, we urge upon you to help hold up this good work by sending your boys and girls to this school, and by doing so, they will become such material as may be honored, and citizens that any State may be proud of.

A. A. Locklear, Com.

The Association adjourned for dinner, to meet again at 2 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by the Moderator.

After prayer had been offered by Rev. Gilbert Locklear, the Moderator declared the house ready for business, and extended an invitation to visiting friends, Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches.

By motion, the Report on Pastorial Support was called for and read by Rev. J. J. Bell, and discussed by Bros. Bell and A. N. Locklear.

REPORT ON PASTORIAL SUPPORT.

This is a subject that every Christian should feel deeply interested in, for we are told that the laborer is worthy of his hire.

Every member should feel it a duty, and deem it a privilege to give in support of the Ministry.

Pastors when they are receiving members into the church, either by letter or Baptism, should not fail to make this one point impressive upon them as a duty they owe, to always give in support of the ministry.

If this spirit is fully aroused in the members of this Association, the time is not far distant when her pastors will be as well paid as in any other church or denomination in the State.

Officers of the churches should assist their pastors in impressing upon their members, that it is their duty to contribute to every object that the Association has to meet.

Let the pastors and churches do their whole duty in this matter and coming generation will be noted for their liberality.

J. J. Bell, Com.

By motion, the report on Prayer Meeting was submitted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

When we cease to pray, we cease to live right.

Every church should have stated periods of Prayer Services.

All members should attend these services. If a member is sick, it is wise to visit the sick ones and strengthen such one with our prayers.

In my opinion these stated prayer meetings should be short and entertaining.

Prayer is asking for help when we find ourselves in need. This occurs very often with true Christian, hence, we need to pray often and that with a faith that takes no denial.

A. N. Locklear, Com.

By motion, the report on Ministerial Relief was read by Bro. George J. Chavis, and approved with an amendment that a collection be taken up at all the churches for the purpose of helping the worn-out ministers of this Association, and turned into the hands of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

This is a method of increase; showing our love to our leaders.

By relieving our old ministers in this way. God, no doubt, will abundantly bless the Christian works of the Association.

While they can go, let's help them to go, and when they must stop, let's hold up their hand.

They are told to go into all the world and preach My Gospel. If they do this, let's give them of our means.

When we bear their burdens we keep in memory the kindness of one Simon who bore the Cross for Christ.

Let us think of our old leaders often and do more for them.

George J. Chavis, Com.

By motion, the Finance Committee make their report and turn same over to the Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We, your Committee have received for minute fund.....	\$27 85
Since Clerk received.....	2 15
Total	<hr/> \$30 00

J. J. Bell,
W. H. Hunt
Committee.

By motion, Sunday's collection go to Minute Fund and Home Mission Board.

By motion, the Organization of the Home Mission Board and the Executive Committee be printed in the minutes.

The Home Mission Board was organized as follows:

Rev. J. C. Clark, Chairman, Rev. J. J. Bell, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Executive Committee was organized as follows:

Rev. J. W. Blanks, Chairman, Rev. J. J. Bell, Secretary and Treasurer.

Some of the duties of the Executive Committee defined: This Committee was appointed by the Association.

1. To examine all applicants for the full work of the Ministry.

2. To settle all matters charged against Ordained Ministers.

3. To act as a rescinding counsel for the Church.

4. They must keep a true record of all the work done by them, and report the same at the next Association

SUNDAY

Bro. A. S. Locklear, who was to address the Sunday School not being present, Rev. N. P. Sanderson, filled his place.

An intermission of five minutes was given, after which every one resumed their seats in the church, and was addressed from the sacred stand by Rev. Gilbert Locklear, who preached the Charitable Sermon. The congregation listened attentively.

A collection followed amounting to six dollars and sixty cents.

Thus ended one of the loveliest Associations we have witnessed in several years.

CLERK'S REPORT.

Received from the Association.....	\$ 30 00
Paid for printing minutes.....	20 00
Paid Clerk for work.....	10 00
Total	<hr/> \$ 30 00

A. N. Locklear, Clerk.

By motion, a vote of thanks be extended to the sisters of Mt. Olive Church for the hospitality shown this Association. Well may this vote be given, for surely no set of men was ever fed better to do a good work. Each day shown to us what a grand preparation had been made for the care of the Association. Each day beef, pork, chicken and turkey were brought in plenty with bread stuff and warm coffee to make all feel satisfied.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Bear Swamp, on Thursday before 3rd Sunday in November 1909.

REV. J. E. HUNT,

A. N. LOCKLEAR,
Clerk.

Moderator.

CONSTITUTION

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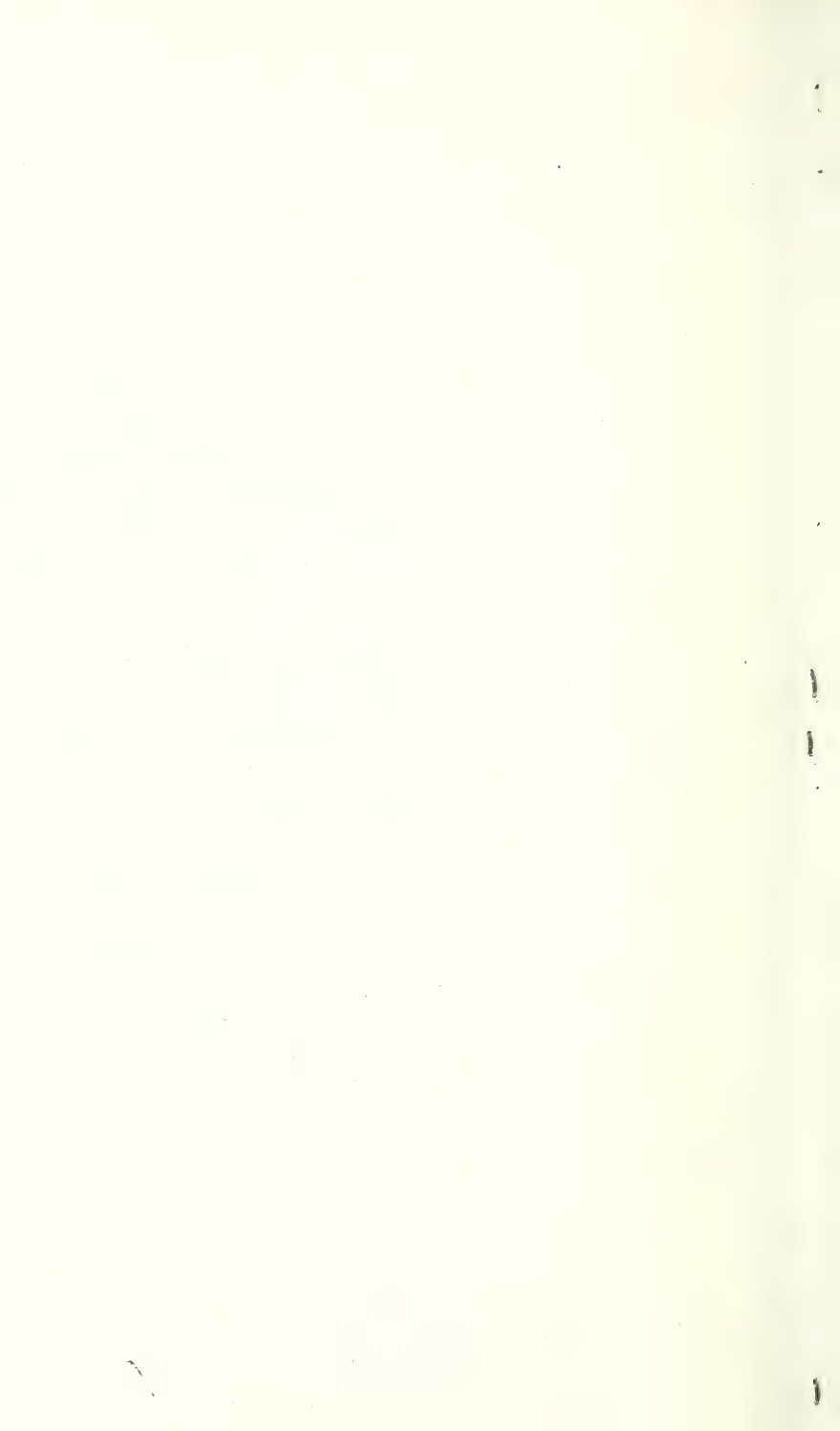
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Thirtieth Annual Session
OF THE
BURNT SWAMP
Baptist Association
HELD WITH THE
BEAR SWAMP CHURCH
November 18, 19, 20 and 21 1909.

The Next Annual Session of this Association will be held with the Church at Reedy
Branch, beginning on Thursday before the Third Sunday in Nov. 1910.

REV. J. W. BLANKS, Moderator.
A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTER AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

J. W. Blanks	Lumberton, N. C.
Gilbert Locklear	Buie, N. C., R. F. D.
A. D. Locklear	Buie, N. C., R. F. D.
J. E. Hunt	Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. No. 6.
P. P. Locklear	Buie, N. C., R. F. D.
W. G. Hunt	Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. No. 6.
Z. B. Brooks	Raynham, N. C., R. F. D.
N. P. Sanderson	Laurinburg, N. C.
J. C. Clark	Lumberton, N. C.
Wm. Goins	Stone, S. C.
J. W. Huggins	Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. No. 6.
Jordan Chavis	Rowland, N. C.
A. T. Taylor	Pembroke, N. C.
J. J. Bell	Lumberton, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

S. Lowrie	W. A. Maynor
T. H. Hammons	S. J. Chavis
Riley Chavis	Hugh Smith
Wm. Burney	Oliver Hunt
Willie Jacobs	John Hunt
J. R. Chavis	W. W. Goins
G. J. Chavis	R. H. Carter
A. S. Locklear	Frank Warwick.
A. A. Locklear	

LIST OF CHURCHES.

Antioch	Magnolia
Burnt Swamp	Oak Grove
Bear Swamp	Piney Grove
Bethlehem	Piney Hill
Harpers Ferry	Pleasant View
Hopewell	Deep Branch
Mt. Olive	Reedy Branch
Mt. Moriah	Smyrna
Mt. Zion	

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Burnt Swamp Association met in its 30th Annual Session with the church at Bear Swamp Nov. 18th, 1909, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Clark. Text, Matt. 4-2—"What think ye of Christ."

The Association then adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The singing was led by Bro. A. S. Locklear, then prayer by the moderator.

By motion, the roll of churches was called for, and their letters read in presence of the body.

The letters were received, except the petition letters and the letter from Mt. Olive.

There was found a majority of representatives present and their names enrolled as follows:

J. J. Bell
S. J. Chavis
E. D. Smith
A. S. Locklear
Archie Maynor
James Pate
G. J. Chavis
Z. R. Chavis
A. T. Taylor
A. B. Goins
L. A. Goins
D. C. Goins
A. N. Locklear

T. H. Hammons
Z. Ponce
N. P. Sanderson
Joseph Locklear
A. F. Locklear
Stephen Hunt
K. B. Hunt
Vance Jones
D. J. Revels
Bias Owens
Enoch Clark
B. E. Hunt
C. H. Hunt

M. C. Chavis
 E. A. Morgan
 Wm. Goins
 W. W. Goins
 J. R. Sampson
 J. A. Locklear
 John Chavis
 W. M. Johnson
 J. H. Hammons
 Eli Chavis
 J. W. Blanks

W. G. Hunt
 H. A. Morgan
 J. A. Hagans
 John Fields
 J. B. Hunt
 Oliver Hunt
 J. A. Santee
 E. J. Emanuel
 Willie Jacobs
 W. R. Locklear

The moderator then rose and extended an invitation to corresponding messengers and newly constituted churches.

By motion Bro. Ander Locklear, from Oak Grove, be granted a leave of absence.

By motion Bros. J. W. Blanks, Gilbert Locklear and A. Chavis, be appointed a committee to inquire into the orthodoxy and christian standing of Mt. Zion church at Ada Bell, Ga.

By motion, Rev. J. W. Blanks was appointed moderator of the Association.

By motion, Bro. A. N. Locklear was appointed clerk and treasurer.

By motion, the deacons of Bear Swamp church be appointed a committee on vigilance.

By motion, the program was taken up.

By motion, Bros. J. J. Bell, W. G. Hunt and S. J. Chavis were appointed a committee on finance.

By motion, Rev. J. J. Bell, Rev. P. P. Locklear and Rev. W. G. Hunt, were appointed a committee to get a memorial of the late Rev. Wm. Sampson.

By motion, the Association adjourned with singing and prayer by Bro. L. M. Brewington, to meet to-morrow at 10:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

The Association met at 10:30 o'clock. The prayer and praise service was conducted by Bro. J. R. Sampson.

The moderator now declared the house ready for the transaction of business, and extended an invitation to visiting friends, corresponding messengers and newly constituted churches.

The Moderator read a lesson from 6th chapter of Matt. Rev. Z. B. Brooks led the singing from hymn No. 654. Prayer was then offered by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

By motion, the committee on periodicals was allowed time to prepare it.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee beg to recommend the Biblical Recorder as a good periodical, a faithful exponent of Baptist views and doctrines, a staunch defender of the mission cause. It gives us weekly a sermon. Thus we can read, re-read and examine at our leisure. It is also a letter, for it contains letters from leading Baptists, informing us of their work and success throughout the land.

E. Sampson, Com.

The report on general education was called for and read by Bro. A. N. Locklear, and discussed by Bro. A. N. Locklear and Bro. A. S. Locklear, then by motion was received.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

We wish to seek education in its truest sense. People used to think that in the school room there was nothing to do but drive, whip and scold, and hear the children recite such lessons as they could dig out of the books themselves. This process was slow and

slavish in its nature. But we live in another day and have a different way. The leaders now in this cause labor hard themselves, drawing out the minds of children, enabling them to be notable in planning and quick to execute.

We love to help a child, when we help children we help all humanity. We know that education is for the betterment of all the people, and the success of this most noted cause depends on the work of the educators and the parents, with the relations that exist between them and the children rightly connected. We need more living faith; more unfaltering trust.

We people who learn that it is better to trust God with a crust than to live in luxury and perhaps dishonor, they are the people who will support the church, be worthy citizens, send their children to the public schools and take care of their homes. They who have the above requirements have all that the world holds dear. In this, we seek an humble life and we seek to please God.

Let us take a higher standard, place ourselves in good society, avail ourselves of the opportunities we have, protect our homes and the light will be brighter for us.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. Locklear, Com.

By motion the Association adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator with singing and prayer.

By motion, the report on prayer meeting was called for, and was read by Rev. J. J. Bell and discussed by him.

By motion, the report was received.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

Prayer is the pouring of the soul into God as a free-will offering;—solemnly, eternally dedicated to him—accompanied with the most earnest desire, that we know, love and serve him alone.

The eloquence of prayer consists in the fervency of desire, the simplicity of faith. "Lord teach us to pray," is a missionary

prayer, but unless we are divinely instructed in this manner and influenced by the divine spirit of true devotion, even the prayer taught us by our Lord, may be repeated without profit to our souls. The prayer of the righteous avails much.

Elijah prayed for a drouht and it did not rain in three years and six months. He prayed for rain, and in response, the clouds formed and the earth was watered. You see then that prayer is relief from difficulties.

J. J. Bell, Committee.

By motion, the above report was amended, by recommending each church to organize a regular weekly prayer meeting.

The report on Sunday School by Rev. Gilbert Locklear was deferred.

By motion, Bros. E. Sampson, Archie Maynor and Willie Jacobs, be a commtttee to draw up a program for the next annual Association.

By motion, the next Association be located with Reedy Branch church.

By motion, the Committee on Arrangements make their report and be discharged.

REPORT ON ARRANGEMENTS.

We, your Committee on Arrangements, report preaching tomorrow at 12 o'clock by Rev. Gilbert Locklear instead of Bro. W. W. Goins.

Z. R. Chavis,
E. D. Jacobs,
J. H. Locklear,
Committee.

By motion, that each church in the Association be, and is hereby recommended to raise at least (2) two dollars for the purpose of helping to take care of the aged ministers of this Association.

By motion, the delegates from Bethlehem be granted leave of absence.

By motion, the Association adjourned till tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock. The Association closed by singing hymn No. 259, led by Bro. A. S. Locklear.

THIRD DAY.

The Association met at 9.30 o'clock. After prayer and praise service the Moderator called the Association to order and read a lesson from 2nd chapter of 1st Epistle of John, and then offered prayer. The delegates names were called and a majority was found present.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business, and extended an invitation to visiting friends, corresponding messengers and newly constituted churches.

By motion, the proceedings of yesterday were read and received. The report on Sunday School was read by Rev. Gilbert Locklear, and discussed by him, then adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We, your committee, highly recommend Sabbath Schools in every church. The Sabbath School is the church at work. Every church should have a progressive Sabbath School. It prepares the young for the reception of the gospel. The Apostle says, "Satisfy us early with thy Gospel." We ask this body to recommend each church to represent in the Sabbath School Association.

Gilbert Locklear, Com.

By motion, the report on home missions was reported by Rev. J. W. Blanks. This report was discussed by Rev. J. W. Blanks, Bro. A. S. Locklear, Bro. G. J. Chavis and Rev. J. C. Clark, then adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, report the following: We have been in this all-important work in Chatham, Moore and Randolph counties, and we have met with wonderful success. We have visited Jacob Swamp and preached to that much neglected community. Brethren, we submit the work to the Association, and ask them to continue a missionary in the field, for there is much work needed to be done in this and other counties.

J. W. Blanks, Missionary.

By motion, Rev. J. W. Blanks was re-elected missionary for the ensuing year.

By motion, the treasurer of the Home Mission Board made the following report which was received.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I, J. J. Bell, treasurer of the Home Mission Board, submit the following report:

Received from last Association	\$ 67 30
Paid out during the year	25 34
Balance on hand.....	\$ 41 96

J. J. Bell, Treasurer.

By motion there was a Home Mission Board appointed, consisting of a member from each church. The following members constitute the Home Mission Board:

Rev. J. J. Bell
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 Chairman.

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By motion, the twelve o'clock sermon was omitted.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON

At 2 o'clock the Association assembled and resumed business.

By motion, that the Home Mission Board shall constitute the Ministerial Relief Board.

By motion, the report on pastoral support was read by Rev. Wm. Goins, and discussed by him. Then by motion it was received.

By motion, the Committee on Program made the following report which was received.

REPORT ON PROGRAM.

Meet at Reedy Branch church on Thursday before the 3rd. Sunday in November, 1910, at eleven o'clock. The introductory sermon to be delivered by Rev. A. D. Locklear.

AFTERNOON.

At 1 o'clock, come to order for business, calling the roll of churches, receiving church letters, enrolling the names of delegates, extending an invitation to visiting friends and corresponding messengers.

At 2 o'clock. Report on Church Development, by Bro. A. N. Locklear.

Second day—Meet at 9:30 o'clock, a. m. Prayer and praise service by Bro. S. Jordan Chavis.

At 10 o'clock. Report on Periodicals by Rev. N. P. Sanderson.

At 11 o'clock. Report on General Education by Bro. A. S. Locklear.

Afternoon—Meet at 2 o'clock, p. m. Report on Ministerial Education by Rev. J. J. Bell.

At 3 o'clock. Report on Prayer Meeting by Bro. M. C. Chavis.

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Respectfully submitted,

W. G. Hunt,
W. J. Jacobs,
E. Sampson,
W. A. Maynor,
Committee.

By motion, the above report was received.

By motion, the Committee on Credentials made their report.

The Executive Committee organized with Rev. J. W. Blanks, chairman, Rev. J. E. Hunt, secretary, Rev. A. D. Locklear, treasurer.

The Executive Committee reported their work of the Association in good condition.

Rev. J. J. Bell resigned, and by motion Rev. A. D. Locklear was appointed to fill his vacancy.

By motion, the Finance Committee made their report as follows:

Received from the different churches for minute funds. \$38.80
J. J. Bell,

W. G. Hunt,
S. J. Chavis,
Committee on Finance.

By motion, that we order (400) four hundred copies of minutes printed.

By motion, the collection of tomorrow be turned into the hands of the Ministerial Relief Board.

By motion, the Association recommend the Home Mission Board to help Rev. Wm. Goins to defray his expenses in the pastorate of Hopewell church.

By motion, a vote of thanks be extended Bear Swamp church for their hospitality to this Association.

By motion, the unfinished business be left in the hands of the moderator and clerk.

By motion, the Association adjourned till next time and place appointed.

Hymn No. 463 was sung. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hunt, and the Benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

Thus has ended another year's fruitful work of the Burnt Swamp Association.

REV. J. W. BLANKS,

A. N. LOCKLEAR,

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Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

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IN MEMORIUM OF

REV. WILLIAM SAMPSON.

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He died August the 1st, 1909, being 77 years, 4 months and 6 days old at his death.

He served a good number of the churches of this Association as pastor and was Moderator of the Association. In this capacity he was calm and deliberate; far-seeing in his judgment.

He was a consecrated Christian and to know him was to love him. His place in the service of his Association was of the utmost importance. He was a kind and loving husband and an indulgent father. May his posterity follow in his walk.

Rest on brother from thy labors until the morning of the Great Resurrection, when we will be united in the Kingdom of Righteousness.

Respectfully,

Rev. P. P. Locklear,

J. J. Bell,

Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.		Males	Females	Total	Restored	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Died	Excluded	Home Missions	Minute Fund	Pastor's Salary	Charity Fund	Church Extension
Antioch	26	43	69	10	4	7	4	4	4	2	3 50	2 50	20 00	7 00	9 25
Burnt Swamp	44	66	110	9	7	7	7	7	2	7	4 00	1 50	21 15	3 45	36 67
Deep Branch	15	50	65	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	2 40	2 40	84 00		
Bethlehem	15	35	50	5	1						3 00	1 00	30 00	11 00	15 00
Harpers Ferry	13	26	39	5			1	1	1		3 15	2 00	30 00		
Hopewell		16	16	1				3	1			1 50			
Piney Grove	16	38	54	2				2	1	2	4 50	1 50	36 00	1 60	2 81
Oak Grove	28	92	120	7			1	8		5	3 65	2 35	45 00	1 52	73 31
Mt. Olive	21	39	60	9			1	3			2 00	2 00			4 00
Magnolia	18	37	55	3			3	1	1	1	3 00	1 75	25 00		
Pleasant View	15	26	41	5	4		2	6	2	7	2 00	30 00			14 73
Piney Hill	18	20	32	5			2	2	1	1	25	1 75	18 00		
Reedy Branch	56	1 04	1 60	28	9		1	7	1	6	3 00	5 00	50 00		
Smyrna	15	26	41	4			1	2		1	1 50	1 50			
Mt. Moriah	11	31	42		4			1	1	2	2 70	2 00	25 00	90	6 30
Mt. Zion			33										58 40	1 35	50 00

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The next session of the Association will be held with the Harpers Ferry Church,
beginning on Thursday before the Third Sunday in Nov. 1911.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Antioch	Rev. J. J. Bell	2nd Sunday
Burnt Swamp	Rev. Gilbert Locklear	3rd Sunday
Burnt Swamp	Rev. J. J. Bell	1st Sunday
Bethlehem	Rev. J. W. Blanks	1st Sunday
Deep Branch	Rev. J. E. Hunt	4th Sunday
Loggers Ferry	Rev. J. W. Blanks	3rd Sunday
Hope Well	Rev. Gilbert Locklear	4th Sunday
Mc Olive	Rev. A. D. Locklear	2nd Sunday
Mc Moriah	Rev. W. G. Hunt	3rd Sunday
Magnolia .....	.....	1st Sunday
Oak Grove	Rev. J. C. Clark	1st Sunday
Piney Grove	Rev. J. E. Hunt	3rd Sunday
Piney Hill	Rev. A. T. Taylor	3rd Sunday
Reedy Branch	Rev. J. E. Hunt	1st Sunday
Smryna	Rev. J. E. Hunt	1st Sunday
Pleasant View	Rev. J. W. Blanks	2nd Sunday
Pleasant Plain	Rev. J. W. Blanks .....	.....

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Rev. Gilbert Locklear	Buie, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Blanks	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. A. D. Locklear	Buie, N. C.
Rev. J. J. Bell	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Clark	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. J. E. Hunt	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Z. B. Brooks	Raynham, N. C.
Rev. N. P. Sanderson	Laurinburg, N. C.
Rev. P. P. Locklear	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. Jordan Chavis	Rowland, N. C.
Rev. W. G. Hunt	McDonald, N. C.
Rev. E. F. Warwick	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Wm. Goins	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. W. W. Goins	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. A. T. Taylor	Pembroke, N. C.

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REEDY BRANCH CHURCH, Nov. 17, 1910.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association convened in its thirty-first annual session with the church at Reedy Branch at 11 o'clock a. m.

The services were opened by Bro. Z. R. Chavis.

The introductory or annual sermon was preached by Rev. P. P. Locklear. Text Matt. 16.24: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. J. Bell.

Then the association took a recess of one hour, to meet again at 1 o'clock.

At 1 o'clock the association reassembled. Rev. J. J. Bell, read as a lesson 4th chap. of John, using hymn No. 436—"Sweet Land of Rest," led by Bro. A. S. Locklear.

By motion the roll of churches were called. There was a majority found present.

By motion the church letters were called for and read in the presence of the body.

By motion, Bro. P. P. Locklear and J. E. Hunt were appointed a finance committee.

The following compose the delegates of this association:

G. Locklear
W. D. Oxendindine
A. S. Locklear
M. C. Chavis
Converse Sampson
R. D. Hunt
Stephen Hunt
W. B. Oxendine

K. B. Hunt
Kin Hunt
J. E. Hunt
W. G. Hunt
H. A. Morgan
John G. Fields
Jas. Fields
E. Sampson

A. Chavis	Elias Oxendine
J. C. Clark	P. J. Chavis
Joseph E. Locklear	T. P. Chavis
Jasper Locklear	Wm. Goins
N. P. Sanderson	Bias Owens
T. E. Dial	J. W. Jacobs
Jas. A. Locklear	Geo. Porter
Alex Hammons	D. J. Revels
T. H. Hammons	Ashley Jacobs
W. R. Goins	Willis Locklear
I. A. Brewington	W. H. Locklear
W. T. Patrick	Wm. Johnson
A. N. Locklear	J. H. Hammons
I. S. Lowrie	Eli Chavis
Z. R. Chavis	Wm. Goins
Matthew Jacobs	A. B. Goins
Hugh Smith	N. B. Harden
J. J. Bell	Riley Chavis
Oliver Hunt	H. S. Brewington
John Hunt	H. S. Spaulding

By motion the letters from Reedy Branch and Pleasant View churches be tabled.

The Moderator extended an invitation to corresponding messengers, visiting friends, and newly constituted churches.

Pleasant Plain church, from Bladen county presented a petition letter and received recognition.

Recognition was granted to Bethel church, of Sampson county.

The annual election of officers being necessary, J. J. Bell was elected Moderator, and A. N. Locklear was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

By motion the officers of Reedy Branch church were appointed a committee of vigilance.

By motion Bros. W. G. Hunt, J. W. Hunt and Neill Jacobs, were appointed a committee of arrangements.

By motion, the letter from Mt. Moriah be received.

By motion, Bros. M. C. Chavis, A. S. Locklear, and W. B. Oxendine, be a committee to investigate the matter of Reedy Branch church.

By motion, Bros. A. D. Locklear, P. P. Locklear, and A. N. Locklear were appointed a committee to wait on Pleasant View church.

The committee appointed to wait on the Reedy Branch church, reported the irfindings, and recommend that the church be released, and the committee was discharged.

The association being informed that her former Moderator, Rev. J. W. Blanks, was sick and in the hospital. Bro. A. S. Locklear called a collection and raised \$8.30 for his relief.

By motion, the committee on arrangements made their report and was discharged. Report preaching tomorrow by Rev. J. C. Clark, assisted by Bro. S. J. Chavis, W. G. Hunt, J. H. Hunt and Neill Jacobs.

By motion, the association adjourned, using hymn, No. 718, led by Bro. A. S. Locklear, prayer by Bro. W. D. Oxendine. Benediction by J. C. Clark.

SECOND DAY.

The Association assembled at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Prayer and praise service was conducted by Bro. S. J. Chavis, reading 6th chap. of Romans, and using hymn No. 218, led by A. N. Locklear, and prayer by Bro. Z. R. Chavis.

After the usual instructions from the Moderator, the roll of delegates was called, and a majority found present.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and received.

The association then resumed the routine of business.

By motion, the report on church development was called for and read by A. N. Locklear.

The report was discussed by A. N. Locklear and Bro. A. S. Locklear and adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH DEVELOPMENT.

Church development is very necessary especially in the Burnt Swamp Association. This feature of the work is too much neglected.

We seem to be content with things uncomfortable, which with a little "Move and Muscle", might be more comfortable and convenient and made to shine as the morning.

Consider the wealth of this association, think for a moment of her interior church buildings, think too, of the poor salaries her preachers receive. Some of us are letting our talent lie dormant too long. Let us arise and shine.

Let us each one put forth such an effort, that each little dot called a church, shall in time become a palace of honor worthy of the name of which we shall not be ashamed.

We recommend better church buildings, consolidation, and better paid ministers.

We also recommend each church to provide herself with a room especially equipped for the purpose of communion service.

We further recommend each church to raise at least ten dollars for church development, known as a building and loan fund.

A. N. Locklear, Com.

By motion, of Bro. A. S. Locklear, the second article of the constitution shall be changed so as to read as follows: this association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in connection, who shall be known, designated and styled as Indians or racial descendants of Indians, and duly sent to represent them in the association who shall be members, whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

By motion, the association took a recess until 2 o'clock.

The sermon at 12 o'clock was preached by Rev. J. J. Bell.

The Association assembled for work at 2 o'clock p. m.

By motion, the report on periodicals by Rev. N. P. Sanderson, be left in the hands of the clerk.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, as the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association ought to read more.

We should know and practice all true missionary Baptist methods and rules of service and business. We can learn all this by reading. We should read to be well informed. By reading we learn what we ought to know without asking our neighbor.

We should have the best Baptist literature in our homes that our children's minds might feed on the things we would have them accept.

A. N. Locklear, Com.

By motion, the letters from Magnolia, and Bethlehem be received and the delegate's names enrolled.

By, motion, the committee on Pleasant View made their report, and recommended the standing committee to see, and if possible, settle the matter with the church, and report at the next union.

By motion, Bros. E. Sampson, C. D. Brewington and S. J. Chavis, be a committee to draw up the program for the next association.

By motion, the report on Ministerial Education, was read by Rev. J. J. Bell.

The report was discussed by Bro. J. J. Bell, C. D. Brewington and A. S. Locklear, and then adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

One of the crying needs of our association to day is, an educated ministry. The education of the ministry is a necessity, and we think it should be one of the qualifications required of our ministers.

The laymen of the churches demand that educational standard in

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the ministry be raised. The call to the ministry is an exalted call. It is honorable, and to meet its demands, the minister now, should at least have a liberal education.

Without it he can never hope to satisfy, nor train his people as we should. The minister must rise with his people, or be forever left behind.

We recommend the Ministerial Examining Board to raise the standard of education, so that licentiates presenting themselves for ordination, be examined from literary or text books, as well as from the Bible.

J. J. Bell, Com.

By motion, the report on prayer meeting was called for and presented by Bro. M. C. Chavis. The report was received and adopted.

The report was discussed by Bro. Z. R. Chavis.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

Prayer meeting is one of the most essential of all meetings; yet, it is the most neglected.

Prayer is a petition to God through Jesus Christ for what we want. Prayer meeting is a great church stimulant.

It is a practical work for the church, and opens a door of opportunity to willing church workers. A stated prayer meeting should be conducted for every church and community.

M. C. Chavis, Com.

By motion, the committee of arrangements make their report and be discharged.

By motion, the report on Sunday School was called for and read by Bro. A. T. Taylor and discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We suppose the Sunday School to be an Assembly or group of persons gathered together for the study of the Bible—To receive instruction, religiously and morally, and to worship God. To develop the highest type of christian character and culture and to lead souls to Christ.

The Sunday School, we are told is the church at work, so let us all be up and help do this work, that we may be able when the Master comes to receive wages.

A. T. Taylor, Com.

By motion, the petition letters were taken up. By a unanimous vote the next session of the Association was located with the Harpers Ferry church.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock. The moderator conducted devotional exercise.

After the exercise, the Moderator called the house to order for business.

By motion, the roll of delegates was called, and a majority found present.

By motion, the proceedings of yesterday be read.

By motion, the report on General Education was called for and read by Bro. A. S. Locklear.

The report was discussed by A. S. Locklear and A. N. Locklear, and then adopted.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

We your committee beg to submit the following report

We will divide the great subject into two branches--Scientific and Christian Education.

It is the purpose of the great State in which we live to give every boy and girl within its bounds the opportunity of securing a Scientific Education.

Why? Because the present administration sees from past records that illiteracy and literacy have been compared, and the people of the State have set in council and passed upon these two, and the great cry from the mountains to the sea is, away with illiteracy and give us men of education. The last two administrations awakened an epoch in her history in educational development. In 1905 our State was at the bottom in education, but the State Board, with the

Our pastors have played with us so long, that we don't really know whether they want a salary or not, we'll wait and hear from them. We must raise funds for our aged ministers.

The Clerk, Com.

By motion, the committee on credentials made the following report, which was read and received.

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS.

We your committee submit the following report.

We report the work in good shape, except in the case of the call from Bear Swamp, which was disposed of in an irregular manner.

We will make future investigation of the matter and report same.

J. E. Hunt.

A. D. Locklear,

J. C. Clark.

Committee.

By motion the Committee on Program made the following report which was received.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SESSION.

9.30 Prayer and praise service by Bro. E. F. Warwick.

11.00, Introductory sermon by Rev. A. T. Taylor.

12.00, Intermission.

1.30, Devotional exercise.

2.00, Enrollment of churches and delegates, and extending an invitation to visiting friends, corresponding messengers, newly constituted churches.

Report on Ministerial Education, by Rev. P. P. Locklear.

SECOND DAY.

9.30, Prayer and praise service, by Bro. Z. R. Chavis.

10.00, Church Development, by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

11.00, Report on Periodicals by Bro. A. N. Locklear.

12.00, Sermon—Intermission.

2.00, General Education, by Bro. A. S. Locklear.

3.00, Report on prayer meeting by Bro. Z. R. Chavis.

3.30, Home Mission, by Bro. E. Sampson.

THIRD DAY.

9.30, Prayer and praise service, by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

- 10:00, Report on Sunday School, by Rev. A. D. Locklear.
 10:30, Report on Pastorial Support, by Bro. A. A. Locklear.
 11:00, Doctrinal Sermon, by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

INTERMISSION.

- 2:00, Report on Ministerial Relief, Rev. J. C. Clark.
 3:00, General Business.

SUNDAY.

- 9:30, Sunday School Lesson, taught by Bro. A. S. Locklear. —
 Lecture.
 11:00, Charitable Sermon, by Rev. A. D. Locklear—Dismission.
 E. Sampson.
 S. J. Chavis.
 C. D. Brewington:
 Committee

By motion, the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board made the following report, which was received.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

I, J. J. Bell, treasurer of the Home Mission Board submit the following report:

Received from last Association.	\$83 06
Paid out.....	49 22
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	\$33 84

J. J. Bell. Treas. H. M. B.

By motion, Bros. A. S. Locklear. M. C. Chavis. and Jas. A. Locklear, be a committee to select the Home Mission Board.

By motion, the committee on ministerial relief and finance made the following report, which was received.

REPORT.

We your committee recommend, that all the churches, which did not send in their ministerial relief funds, be instructed to bring it in at next Union.

We have received the following.

For minute funds,	\$39 62
For ministerial relief,	20 50
For Home Mission,	6 00
For J. W. Blanks,	8 30
Total	<u>\$74 42</u>

J. E. Hunt,
P. P. Locklear,
Com. on Finance.

P. S. — Bros Jasper Sampson and Roy Hunt were given \$20.08, making a total sum from all sources of \$94.50.

By motion, the committee to select standing Board, make their report.

The list of names selected by the above committee for the Home Mission Board was lost, but there was a member selected from each church in the association, and we hope that each one will do his duty.

The Board organized by appointing Bro. James A. Locklear, Chairman, Bro. E. Sampson, Secretary and Treasurer.

By motion, that we pay the clerk \$15.00 for his services.

By motion, that we order 500 copies of the minutes printed.

By motion, the collection on tomorrow be given to Bro. Roy Hunt.

By motion, that a vote of thanks be extended to Reedy Branch church for their hospitality to the association during its session.

By motion, that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the Moderator and Clerk.

The Sunday School lesson to-morrow will be taught by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

The charitable sermon on tomorrow will be preached by Rev. A. D. Locklear.

By motion, the association adjourned to meet with Harpers Ferry church, Thursday before the 3rd. Sunday Nov. 1911.

REV. J. J. BELL,
Moderator.

A. N. LOCKLEAR,
Clerk.

Since writing up the Home Mission Board, I have received a list of the brethren selected by the committee consisting of the following:

A. S. Locklear, E. Sampson, James A. Locklear, M. C. Chavis, Riley Chavis, E. D. Smith, J. H. Hammons, Henry Morgan, E. D. Jacobs, Joseph Locklear, Don E. Hunt, Oliver, Stephen Hunt, J. H. Locklear, A. B. Goins, Joseph Chavis, H. S. Brewington, W. T. Patrick and D. J. Revels.

Jas. A. Locklear. Chm.

E. Sampson. Sec. and Treas.

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance from last year.....	\$ 6 00
Received from the association.....	39 62
Paid for minutes,.....	20 00
For work.....	15 00
Bal. on hand,	<hr/> \$10 62

A. N. Locklear Clerk

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in a union. We therefore propose to keep the following plan of Government.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen from the different churches in our Union, who shall be known, designated and styled as Indians or Indian descendants of Indians, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members, whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

Art. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

Art. 5. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer chosen by the members present.

Art. 7. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right-hand of fellowship. Provided, no newly constituted church shall be admitted within six miles of a Baptist Church, unless there is a swamp or creek to divide, unless a church or other denomination consents to turn over to the Baptists.

Art. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

Art. 9. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be read twice, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be a majority for it being debated it

shall be taken into consideration and debated: but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association. The best Method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of, which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 13. The Annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the third Sunday in November at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have the book present at each annual session.

Art. 15. The Minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Clerk and Moderator before the Association adjourns.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by two-thirds vote of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to remark on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the case and matters as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

Art. 6. No member shall abruptly break off absent or himself from this body without the permission from the Association.

Art. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.

Art. 8. No person shall engage in light or frivolous conversation, laughing, etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

Art. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be last to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote, himself unless the Association be divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association, as it shall think proper.

Art. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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OF THE

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November 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1911.

The Next Annual Session will be held with the Church at Deep Branch, beginning Thursday before the Third Sunday in November 1912.

A. N. LOCKLEAR,
Clerk and Treasurer.

REV. J. J. BELL,
Moderator.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Antioch	Rev. P. P. Locklear.....	2nd Sunday
Burnt Swamp	Rev. G. Locklear .....	.....
Deep Branch	Rev. J. E. Hunt.....	4th Sunday
Harpers Ferry	Rev. A. D. Locklear.....	3rd Sunday
Mt. Olive	Rev. A. D. Locklear	2nd Sunday
Mt. Moriah	Rev. J. J. Bell.....	3rd Sunday
Magnolia	Rev. Z. R. Chavis.....	1st Sunday
Oak Grove	Rev. E. F. Warwick.....	1st Sunday
Piney Grove	Rev. J. W. Blanks.....	.....
Reedy Branch	Rev. J. E. Hunt.....	1st Sunday
Smryna	Rev. G. Locklear	1st Sunday
Pleasant View	Rev. J. W. Blanks.....	4th Sunday
New Bethel	Rev. G. Locklear.....	4th Sunday
Mt. Zion	Rev. A. D. Locklear .....	.....
Bear Swamp	Rev. J. J. Bell.....	1st Sunday
Piney Hill	Rev. Jordan Chavis.....	2nd Sunday
Gray Pond	Rev. P. P. Locklear.....	2nd Sunday
Bethlehem	Rev. J. W. Blanks.....	1st Sunday
Pleasant Plain	Rev. A. T. Taylor.....	2nd Sunday
Hope Well	Rev. G. Locklear.....	.....

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

Rev. G. Locklear	Rev. Wm. Goins
" A. D. Locklear	" C. D. Brewington
" Jordan Chavis	" E. F. Warwick
" Z. B. Brooks	" Z. R. Chavis
" J. J. Bell	" M. L. Brewinton
" J. W. Blanks	Hugh Smith
" J. E. Hunt	S. J. Chavis
" A. T. Taylor	Wm. Hammons
" J. C. Clark	S. L. Williams
" N. P. Sanderson	G. J. Chavis
" W. G. Hunt	J. H. Hammons
" P. P. Locklear	W. W. Goins

PROCEEDINGS

HARPERS FERRY CHURCH, Nov. 16, 1911.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met in its thirty-second annual session on Thursday, November 16th, 1911, at 11.00 o'clock, a. m., with the church at Harpers Ferry.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. A. T. Taylor, using for his subject a lesson from Mark 5:19 — "Go Home to thy Friends and Tell them what Great Things the Lord has done for Thee."

Music from Hymn No. 801. Prayer was then offered by Rev. A. D. Locklear.

The Modertor then dismissed for an hour and a half, to reassemble at 1.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

The Association Assembled at 1.30 p. m., at the call of the Modertor, reading as a lesson Eph. 5th chapter and using Hymn No. 112.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. G. Locklear.

By motion, the Roll of Churches were called for and a majority were found present.

By motion, Bros. W. D. Oxendine and W. N. McLean be appointed Finance Committee.

By motion, the Church Letters be called for and read in presence of the body and the Delegates names enrolled.

By motion, the letters were received and Delegates' names and enrolled.

The Delegates elected from the different churches to compose this Association are as follows, viz.:

Rev. J. J. Bell,	S. P. Brewington	A. J. Jacobs,
Rev. J. W. Blanks,	W. W. Blanks,	W. R. Locklear.
E. D. Smith,	A. B. Harden,	Willie Jacobs,
Rev. G. Locklear,	Joseph Locklear,	Z. R. Chavis,
J. H. Hagans,	D. D. Locklear,	Rev. A. T. Taylor,
W. D. Oxendine,	Stephen Hunt,	Matthew Jacobs,
E. Sampson,	K. H. Hunt,	D. J. Revels,
H. T. Sampson,	A. G. Hunt,	J. J. Chavis,
A. Chavis,	W. G. Hunt,	I. H. Oxendine,
M. C. Chavis,	R. H. Carter,	Jonn Chavis,
A. N. Locklear,	Rev. J. E. Hunt,	Angus Chavis, Jr.,
S. S. Lowrie,	R. S. Goins,	Sandy Chavis,
S. Lowrie,	H. A. Morgan,	Rev. Wm. Goins,
J. E. Dial,	J. T. Hagans,	Rev. W. W. Goins,
J. R. Oxendine,	W. N. McLean,	W. T. Patrick,
Whalon Locklear,	Gordan Hunt,	J. H. Spaulding,
Rev. J. H. Hammons,	Arthur. Hunt,	Archie Goins,
K. H. Jones,	Rev. C.D. Brewington,	Dave Goins.
Eli Chavis,	Rev. M.L. Brewington	Riley Goins.
T. H. Hammons	James Jacobs,	

The organization being finished, the Moderator arose and extended an invitation to visiting friends, Corresponding Messengers and newly constituted churches.

Gray Pond Church made application and was admitted by the Moderator extending the right-hand of fellowship and delegates names enrolled.

By motion Rev. J. J. Bell was re-elected Moderator and A. N. Locklear was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

By motion, Harpers Ferry Church be a Committee on Vigilance.

By motion, Bros. S. S. Lowrie and M. C. Chavis be a Committee of Arrangements.

By motion, Bro. W. N. McLean be granted a leave of absence.

By motion, the location of the next Association be taken up.

By motion, the next Annual Session of this Association will be held with the church at Deep Branch.

By motion, Bros. W. D. Oxendine, Rev. C. D. Brewington and Rev. G. Hunt be appointed a Committee to draw up Program for next Association.

The Committee of Arrangements report, preaching tomorrow at noon. The Association adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9.30 a. m.

SECOND DAY.

The Association assembled to-day at 9.30 a. m.

Prayer and praise services were conducted by Bro. Z. R. Chavis. Prayer was offered by Bro. R. H. Carter. The Moderator arose and declared the house ready for business, and extended an invitation to visiting friends, corresponding messengers and newly constituted churches.

The proceedings of yesterday and the roll of delegates were omitted.

By motion, the Report on Ministerial Education be called for, which was produced by Rev. P. P. Locklear and discussed by him and others, then adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We submit the following: The subject of Ministerial Education should be of deep interest to all who have a just appreciation of its merits. It should be of interest to all within the pales of civilization. In as much as the happiness of all classes are connected with the subject of Education. We recommend a better educated Ministry.

We also recommend that each church send an educational fund to the annual meeting, to assist the unfortunate applicants who are trying to better their condition, so that they may be able to serve the Ministry Honorable.

P. P. LOCKLEAR,
Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

By motion, that the letters from Hopewell and Bethlehem churches be called for and read,

By motion, the letter from Pleasant Plain be called for and read.

The letters after being read were, by motion, received.

By motion, the Association adjourned for the noon sermon.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order for business at 2 p. m., by the Moderator.

By motion, the Report on Home Missions was called and read by Bro. E. Sampson.

After being discussed by Bro. Sampson and others, was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

While our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the success we have had in our bounds, yet we feel that there is a great necessity for work for the salvation of souls. This Association has done a great work, and God has blessed it abundantly. Let us therefore remember "our arduous work will not be done, till we obtain the crown." Let us not think of resting till the last soul is saved, and we are welcomed home.

May every member of the Association ask the Lord, "What wilt thou have me to do?" "What ever your hands find to do, do it with all your might."

E. SAMPSON.

Committee.

By motion, the Treasurer made the following report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received	\$ 88 75
Received at Piney Grove	\$ 12 00
Total	\$ 100 75
Paid Rev. A. L. Locklear	\$ 16 80
Balance on hand	\$ 83 95
The Balance is due as follows, viz:	
To Home Mission Fund	\$ 51 45
To Ministerial Relief Fund	\$ 32 50

E. SAMPSON,
Treasurer.

By motion Rev. I. W. Blanks, Rev. G. Locklear, Rev. A. D. Locklear and Bro. Stephen Hunt, be appointed a committee to revise Article 6 of the Constitution.

By motion, a resolution was passed as follows: That each Church in the Association raise at least \$2 annually for the Minister's Relief Fund. There shall also be a Board to take care of said money.

Two-thirds of this amount shall be paid at each session of the Association to the following named Brethren, in equal distributions, unless otherwise specified, viz: Rev. G. Locklear, Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rev. A. D. Locklear, Rev. A. B. Brooks and Rev. Jordan Chavis.

By motion, the Committee to revise Article 6 of the Constitution make their report and be discharged

We your Committee report the following for Article 6: The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk Treasurer and an Executive Board of Nine chosen by the Association.

G. LOCKLEAR,
J. W. BLANKS,
A. D. LOCKLEAR,
J. E. HUNT,
STEPHEN HUNT,
Committee.

By motion, the following nine compose the Executive Board, viz:

Stephen Hunt, W. D. Oxendine M. C. Chavis, E. D. Hunt, E. Sampson, J. E. Dial, A. Chavis, R. H. Carter and Willie Jacobs. J. E. Dial, Chairman. W. D. Oxendine, Secretary. E. Sampson, Treasurer.

By motion, that the Executive Board pay Rev. P. P. Locklear \$21.00 for services rendered as Missionary and that Bro. Locklear pay back to the church \$6.00.

By motion, Rev. J. J. Bell be appointed Missionary for 1912.

By motion, Bros. W. D. Oxendine, J. C. Clark and A. T. Taylor, be appointed a Ministerial Relief Board.

By motion, Bros. J. C. Clark, W. D. Oxendine and C. D. Brewington be Obituary Committee to secure sketch of the life of our deceased Brother--Wesley Clark. The Association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9.30.

THIRD DAY.

The prayer and praise service was conducted by Bro. E. Smith, after which the Moderator called the Association to order and extended an invitation to visiting friends, corresponding messengers and newly constituted churches.

By motion, the roll of delegates be called and the proceedings of yesterday be read.

By motion, the Report on Church Development be called for which was read by the Clerk.

REPORT ON CHURCH DEVELOPMENT.

The Church is a place where God meets with his people, and should be prized above all other buildings.

The Church should be large and roomey, well ventilated, and nicely furnished.

We should raise a building and loan fund to help start up the work.

REV. J. E. HUNT,
Committee.

After the above report was received, the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

1. That no church be admitted into the Association without a home first being secured by purchase, donation or otherwise.
2. That blank letter forms for letters to the Unions and Associations be printed and also envelopes for same.
3. That no applicant for membership shall be examined in regard to the church rules or obligations until they shall have first been read to the applicant by the minister or official making the investigation.

By motion, the Report on Periodicals by Bro. A. N. Locklear was called for and read, and after discussion by motion, was received.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We ought to read more. We need stronger discipline. We must trust God, and read good literature if we expect this Association to be of a Standard Light for our posterity.

We wish to leave to the future managers of the Burnt Swamp Association, a clean, brainy record, of which our children may be proud. Therefore we highly recommend the Biblical Recorder and other good literature to this Association, but above all, we truly solicit your attention to the Standard Book—the Holy Bible as the best of all literature.

A. N. LOCKLEAR,
Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

By motion, that the report on General Education be filed for Bro. A. S. Locklear, who made out the report, it being present, the report was read by the Clerk.

The following report after being handsomely discussed

Rev. G. Locklear and Prof. H. L. Edens, was by motion, received.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, submit the following: The subject of General Education is one of vital interest to the general public, as well to this Association.

The public school system of North Carolina is so arranged that it gives every boy and girl, who live in this great State, an opportunity to attend School at least four months in each year.

We urge the parents to send their children to school regularly when it is in session. We have a good school system, and our people should avail themselves of this glorious opportunity.

We have the State Normal at Pembroke well equipped with a faculty of specially prepared teachers. With Prof. H. L. Edens, Manager, we hope to find no vacant seats this session.

The Normal is now a State school, with an annual appropriation of \$100,000. This should encourage us to patronize the school, and show our appreciation to the State for its generosity.

We thank our Senators and Representatives for their efforts in securing this appropriation.

This school has bettered our educational condition, and we should be proud to know that our public schools are taught by boys and girls who are prepared at the Normal. Long live the Normal a power for good.

A. S. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

By motion the report on Prayer Meetings was called for and read and after its discussion by Bro. Z. R. Chandler and others was received and each Church recommended to organize a prayer meeting.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

We find by reading the Bible that it is our duty to pray. Therefore we think that each church ought to hold its regular Prayer Meeting, since it is the Christians sword by which to fight the battle for Christ. Let us so live and pray, that we may be pleasant to each other in business and a power for God and humanity

Z. R. CHAVIS.

Committee.

The Association suspended business till 1.30 p. m., for Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt. Subject: "We are saved by Baptism." This sermon was fine. A few hints on the subject are as follows:

1. Baptism is a righteous act. Matt. 3:15.
2. We are saved by Baptism. I Peter 3:21.
3. Baptism in regard to salvation. Mark 16:16.

During the noon recess Bro. Z. R. Chavis was ordained by the Council consisting of Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rev. A. D. Locklear and Rev. J. C. Clark.

AFTERNOON.

The Association assembled for work at 2.30 p. m.

By motion, the Finance Committee made the following report which was received.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, beg to report the following as individual Church Credits:

	Minute Fund	Ministerial Relief	Home Missions
Antioch	\$ 2 50	\$	\$
Arnt Swamp	1 70		
Deep Branch	4 00		
Arpers Ferry	2 00	2 00	
St. Olive	2 00		
St. Moriah	1 50		
Lagnolia	1 50		
Lak Grove	1 75		
Lney Grove	2 50		
Leedy Branch	5 00	2 00	
Myrna	1 75		
Pleasant View	1 00	1 25	
New Bethel	2 00		
St. Zion	1 00	2 00	11 00
Star Swamp	2 00		
Lney Hill	1 00		
Lray Pond	2 60		
Lethlehem	1 00	2 00	
Pleasant Plains	2 00		
Lope Well	1 00		
Total Funds	\$ 39 80	\$ 9 25	\$11 00

By motion, that we settle with the Clerk-Treas. That we pay him \$15.00 and expenses, to have Minutes printed and delivered

By motion, the Committee on Program made the following report which was received.

REPORT ON PROGRAM.

First Day.

- 9.30, Prayer and praise service, by E. F. Warwick.
- 1.00, Introductory Sermon, by M. L. Brewington.
- 2.00, Intermission.
- 1.00, Devotional exercises.
- 1.30, Enrollment of Churches and Delegates.
- 2.30, Report on Home Missions, by S. S. Lowrie.

Second Day.

- 9.30, Prayer and praise service, by R. H. Carter.
- 10.00, Temperance, by Rufus Sampson.
- 11.00, Report on Prayer Meeting, by Willie Jacobs.
- 12.00, Sermon—Intermission.
- 2.00, Report on Sunday school, by E. D. Smith.
- 3.00, Report on Periodicals, by Stephen Hunt.

THIRD DAY.

- 9.30, Prayer and praise service, by M. C. Chavis.
- 10.00, Report on General Education, by E. B. Sampson.
- 11.00, Query—How can this Association wield a Greater Influence Toward the Salvation of the Younger People? Led by Rev. G. Locklear.
- 12.00, Doctrinal Sermon, by Rev. J. W. Blanks.
- Intermission.
- 2.00, How can this Association Reach the Indians of North Carolina? Led by Rev. J. E. Hunt.
- 3.00, General Business.

Sunday.

- 9.30, Bible Lesson, taught Rev. C. D. Brewington.
- 11.30, Charitable Sermon, by Rev. J. J. Bell.

C. D. BREWINGTON,
W. D. OXENDINE,
W. G. HUNT.

Committee.

By motion, the Report on Sunday School was called and read, and after several brief discussions, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School is the followers of Christ at work in the vineyard. Through the medium of Sunday School, the Path of Life is pointed out to the boys and girls and older ones of the community in which it is located.

The Sunday School should be more encouraged by all the Ministers of this Association.

A. D. LOCKLEAR,
Committee.

By motion, the Report on Pastorial Support, by A. A. Locklear, was called for, read, and after being discussed by Rev. G. Locklear and Rev. J. W. Blanks, was adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORIAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee, beg to say, That after deep research, we find that the church officials are in part, to blame for the small amounts paid our ministers for so great a work as carrying the Gospel. Therefore we suggest that we prize the value of our Ministry by raising the financial standard. Let all the churches see that our Pastors are respectfull paid for their labor. By so doing we will enhance the value of their work, and show to the world ministerial appreciation.

A. A. LOCKLEAR.

Committee.

By motion, the Report of the Executive Board be received.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, your Committee report that we have one applicant for ordination, Bro. Z. R. Chavis. We have carefully examined him and find him approved and do now recommend him to this Association.

REV. J. W. BLANKS

REV. J. C. CLARK

REV. A. D. LOCKLEAR

REV. J. E. HUNT,

Executive Committee.

By motion, that the Executive Board be continued.

By motion, the Report on Ministerial Relief, by Rev. C. Clark be called for, read and after discussion by C. Clark and others was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We, your Committee, beg to report the following: In studying Scripture and the meaning of relief, we will refer you to Rom. chapter and verses 4, 5 and 6. You will see from a Bible standpoint that we are cautioned to be very careful in our dealing with the servants of God.

Relief means to assist, therefore, this Report should appeal to every member of this Association, to see to it that the preachers of this Association, and especially the aged and those who have labored hard to build up this work, are well cared for in their declining years.

We recommend therefore that the money paid in by the different churches have a blank space in the Statistical Table.

We hope that each Church and Sunday School will give this matter careful consideration, and that each pastor will deliver a special sermon on this subject and take up a collection for same and let it be recorded in the Church Letter to the Association. We ask all the Sunday Schools to set apart one Sunday in the year for the topic and take up a collection for same and report the same in their Annual Meeting.

J. C. CLARK.

Committee.

By motion, the Report of the Missionary be read.

By motion, the above was received.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY

We submit the following: After my appointment to the Mission work, my wife was taken seriously ill, so I did not devote any time to work until after her death. Since that time, I have worked 14 days, and organized 1 church.

P. P. LOCKLEAR.

Missionary

By motion, the Clerk made the following Report.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT.

I, A. N. Locklear, Clerk-Treasurer, of the Burnt Swamp Association submit the following Report:

Balance on hand from 1909.....	\$ 4 62
Balance on hand from 1910.....	6 00
Received in 1911	39 80
Total.....	\$ 50 42

A. N. LOCKLEAR.

Clerk-Treasurer.

By motion, that the collection on to-morrow be given to the aged Ministers.

By motion, that 600 copies of the Proceedings be Printed.

By motion, that a vote of thanks be extended Harpers Ferry Church and vicinity for its hospitality shown to this Association during its session.

After devotional exercises, which consisted of the sweetest of vocal music, "Shall we meet one another again?" led by Rev. G. Locklear, with a good bye and hand shake, the benediction being pronounced by the Rev. J. W. Blanks, everybody returned home happy.

REV. J. J. BELL,

A. N. LOCKLEAR,

Moderator.

Clerk-Treasurer.

SUNDAY.

Met at 10 o'clock, the Sunday School lesson was taught by Bro. A. S. Locklear. The lesson this morning which created so much interest was the 6th chapter of Hebrews.

At 12 o'clock the Charitable sermon was delivered by Rev. A. D. Locklear. After this a collection was called for the Aged Ministers amounting to \$12.75. The congregation was then dismissed.

MEMORIUM OF WESLEY CLARK.

By request of the Burnt Swamp Association and the bereaved family, we grant this space in our Minutes to the death and a life sketch of our Brother, the late Wesley Clark.

He was born March 12, 1841.
He departed this life June 1, 1910,
being 69 years, two months and
19 days old.

He joined the Church and was
Baptised June 22, 1883. From
this time till his death, he led a
quiet Christian life, doing such as
he could for the spread of the
Gospel and the betterment of his
neighbors.

W. D. Oxendine

Rev. W. G. Hunt

Rev. J. C. Clark

Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in a union. We therefore propose to keep the following plan of Government.

Article 1. This Association shall be dominated and known as the Burut Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, in our Union, who shall be known, designated and styled as Indians or lenial descendants of Indians, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members, whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

Art. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

Art. 5. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen by the members present, and an Executive board composed of nine members.

Art. 7. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the moderator giving the right-hand of fellowship. Provided, no newly constituted church shall be admitted within six miles of a baptist Church, unless there is a swamp or creek to divide, unless a church or other denomination consents to turn over to the Baptists, provided further, that no church be admitted without first securing a home, that is, a site on which to build, with color title for said property.

Art. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

Art. 9. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be read twice, and before it be debated the moderator shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for it being debated it

shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn

Art. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association. The best Method of effecting this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of, which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 13. The Annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the third Sunday in November at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. The minutes when printed shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have the book present at each annual session.

Art. 15. The Minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Clerk and Moderator before the Association adjourns.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they may deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association, deviate from the orthodox principals of religion. 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 17. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by two-thirds vote of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to remark on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the case and matters as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

Art. 6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from this body without the permission from the Association.

Art. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the Association.

Art. 8. No person shall engage in light or frivolous conversation laughing, etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

Art. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be last to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association, as it shall think proper.

Art. 14. These rules may be amended at an annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Males	Females	Baptised	Restored	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Home Missions	Charity	Minutes	Ministers Relief	Pastors Salary	Church Value	Church Extension
Antioch	32	49	4	3	3	2	6	1	\$ 4 00	\$13 86	\$2 50		\$ 34 00		\$ 22
Burnt Swamp	40	74	5	3	1	2	5	2	1 85		1 70		24 %		
Deep Branch	25	42	14	4	1	1	1	1	2 55	3 00	4 00	2 00	40 00	200 00	2 00
Harpers Ferry	14	12	11	3					6 00	1 21	2 00	2 00	24 00		18 00
Mt. Olive	22	49	8	1	1	1	1	1	3 00		1 50	1 50	25 27		
Mt. Moriah	12	40	2	9	1	3	2	1	3 00		1 75	1 50	53 50	300 00	
Magnolia	22	39	9	9	1	2	6	3	2 50			30 00	75 00	400 00	63
Oak Grove	20	91	8	1	2	2	3	3	2 00	10 00	5 35	1 30	30 00	500 00	21 00
Piney Grove	15	39		1	15	1	6	3			1 75				
Reedy Branch	77	127	34	3	2	4	1				1 00	1 25	50 00	100 00	
Smyrna	14	22	2	2	1	1					2 00				
Pleasant View	16	31	4	3	3	2					2 00				
New Bethel	27	36	9	9							1 00	2 00	57 65	500 00	19 35
Mt. Zion	16	15	2	2	1	2	2		11 00	10 00	1 00		10 15		
Bear Swamp	29	66	10	1			14		4 00	19 02	2 00				
Piney Hill	13	22	4		1		4				1 00				
Gray Pond	15	9	21								2 60				
Bethlehem	13	20	6				3		1 50		2 00	2 00	84 00	200 00	10 65
Pleasant Plain	6	9	5		1				1 00	10 66	1 00				
Hope Well	9	10	1												
Totals	477	802	155	53	28	27	52	12	75 95	\$67 75	\$37 65	\$10 55	\$ 577 58	\$2200 00	\$133 23

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PROCEEDINGS
—Of The—
THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
—Of The—

**Burnt Swamp
Baptist Association**



HELD WITH
THE REEDY BRANCH CHURCH
November 12, 13, 14, 15, 1914,

The next session of the Association
will be held with the Deep Branch
Church, November 18, 19, 20, 1915.

PROCEEDINGS

Reedy Branch Baptist Church, Nov. 14, 1914.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met in its thirty-fifth annual session with the Reedy Branch Church.

After song and prayer services, Rev. W. G. Hunt preached the introductory sermon from Ephesians 5:1.

The Association was led in prayer by J. J. Bell.

The Association was called to order by the moderator.

The roll of churches was called and a majority found present.

T. H. Hammonds, Ed Smith and S. J. Chavis were appointed finance committee.

The letters from the different churches were read and received, except the petition letters.

The roll of delegates was called.

The moderator extended an invitation to newly-constituted churches and visiting brethren.

By a unanimous vote J. J. Bell was re-elected moderator.

W. D. Oxendine was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

The delegates of Reedy Branch church were appointed committee of arrangements.

The report on Sabbath school was presented by T. H. Hammonds.

Report on Sabbath School.

We, your committee, insist on each church to organize a Sunday school, and to enlist as many of the church members in its classes as possible.

The Sunday school has not reached its full measure of usefulness, nor can it do so, as long as fifty per cent of its members are inactive in the work of the Sunday school. Every follower of our Lord should be a worker in His Kingdom, and in the Sunday school his service is needed.

He who teaches should be born of God, the teacher holds a place of too great responsibility in the matter of a child for us to take any risk. We find, then, that the Sunday school is the church at work.

Respectfully,

T. H. HAMMONDS, Com.

The report was discussed by T. H. Hammonds, S. Lowrey, Ed Smith, S. S. Lowrey and A. A. Chavis, and adopted.

Each church is requested to report the number of church members who are enrolled ... Sunday school, to the next Association.

The report of the committee of arrangements:

S. J. Chavis preach tonight; S. S. Lowrey preach Friday at 12 M.

On motion, we adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

10. Prayer service was conducted by S. J. Lowrey.

The Association was led in prayer by W. G. Hunt.

R H was called.

The record of Thursday's proceedings was read and approved.

G. W. Locklear, G. J. Chavis and A. A. Chavis were appointed a committee to arrange program for next Association.

The treasurer of the Ministerial Relief board reported \$10.25 in treasury. It was ordered that the money be paid to the treasurer of the Ministerial Educational Board.

On motion, the Ministerial Relief Board was discontinued.

The report on Ministerial Education was presented by W. D. Oxendine.

Report on Ministerial Education

He who teaches must himself be taught, and no man will long have gift enough to teach, unless he has grace enough to learn.

But what is the special education that the minister of the Gospel needs? He needs to be educated in the word of God. The Law of Moses required that every Israelite should diligently teach his children the commandments which God had given him. This was the first thing to be done in the instruction of the child, whether he be designed for the priesthood or the plow, he was first of all to know the Word of God. It was thus that the Jewish women, Eunice and Lois, though living in a heathen country, trained young Timothy and fitted him to be an able minister of the New Testament.

When this primary Christian education has been given, and young men are trained in the Word of God, they are soon made

ready for much effective service the Master's cause. They can teach the things they know, and if they have grace and sense enough to omit the things which they do not know, they may be very effective, provided they possess that good, common sense which the Creator kindly bestows upon His creatures, and also have been soundly converted by the grace of God.

Men can teach what they know. The man who knows the Lord can teach the man who does not know God. A man who is ignorant of the grace of Christ, no matter what else he may know, cannot be an effective preacher of the Gospel. He may know Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, unless he has the knowledge of God, and know the grace of Christ for self, all his learning and knowledge will be in vain. But when he possesses these essential elements, a knowledge of the sacred Scriptures and a personal acquaintance with the grace of Christ, and is soundly converted to God, he is then, if called of God, and anointed by the Holy Ghost, fitted to do excellent work in the Master's cause.

Let us by all means have an educated ministry the more education the better, but let them first be educated in the Word of God, which is able to make them wise unto salvation, for without this all other education which they may obtain will prove to be a delusion and a snare. The man who is familiar with Plato and Socrates, who knows all the wisdom of antiquity, but cannot repeat the Commandments or the Lord's Prayer, who cannot meet the false statements of skeptics, because he does not know what the Scriptures themselves declare, may be learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, but he will never be a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. OXENDINE, Committee.

The report was discussed by W. D. Oxendine, A. Chavis, J. A. Locklear and J. E. Hunt, and adopted.

On motion, that a training school be conducted at Deep Branch for the ministers of this Association. W. D. Oxendine, L. W. Jacobs, A. Chavis, S. M. Oxendine and S. B. Locklear constitute a board to look after the interests of the school.

By motion, the treasurer of the Ministerial Education Board reported \$63.51 in the treasury. The report was adopted.

12:00 M. Sermon by S. S. Lowrey, text, Matt. 5:14.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the moderator.

The next Association was located with the Deep Branch Church, November 18, 19, 20, 1915.

The Report of the Standing Board

We submit our report as follows:

We visited Pleasant View Church in their conference, and they made the change that was required.

We also had one applicant for ordination which did not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BELL,

J. E. HUNT,

W. G. HUNT,

Committee.

The report was adopted and the same board contin-

Duties of the Standing Board.

They shall inquire into all difficulties that may arise in the churches, that shall require their attention, and try to settle the same. And to examine applicants for the ministry privately who shall give them satisfactory evidence of their fitness for the ministry before they ordain them, also to ordain deacons.

The report on education was presented by A. A. Chavis.

Report on Education

Our foreparents, the pioneers of our present progressiveness, recognized the great truth that "The Fate of Empires depends upon the education of youth."

The present educational facilities with which we are blessed are in part the fruits of their labors. We at this age can realize more keenly that if we would be progressive and keep up with the age, we must educate. Each of us should be instruments in God's hands to work. We educate our boys and girls not to shun work, but to enable them to do more and better work. The Master needs more and better prepared workers in his vineyard. God demands the best within us, therefore, we should use every opportunity to make ourselves more efficient workers.

Our Association has long been in need of an educated ministry, and at present the need is more sorely felt than ever. While our ministers have done a great work and deserve

much praise, considering the conditions under which they had to prepare themselves, the time has come when if we would keep abreast with the age we must do more towards educating our ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. CHAVIS, Committee.

The report was discussed by A. A. Chavis, P. W. Lowrey and W. D. Oxendine, and adopted.

Report of the Home Mission Treasurer:

On hand \$130.92

Respectfully submitted,

E. SAMPSON, Treasurer.

The report was adopted and the board continued with E. Sampson, Treasurer.

The report on Home Missions was presented by J. E. Hunt.

Report on Home Missions.

We have oftentimes heard the maxim that "Charity begins at home." This great truth holds good in mission work.

Since Christ came to the world on his great mission to redeem the lost world has the mission work been going on. Inasmuch as he gave the broad commission to his disciples to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The same is continued unto us unto this day. As we have true knowledge that we have taken the work where the disciples laid it down.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HUNT, Committee.

The report was discussed by J. C. Clark and J. A. Locklear, and adopted.

On motion, that J. E. Hunt and J. J. Bell visit each church during this year.

Report of the Finance Committee.

Minute fund	\$27.25
Ministerial education	2.50
Home missions	3.00

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. HAMMONDS.

ED SMITH.

S. J. CHAVIS.

Committee.

The report was adopted and the money ordered paid to the treasurers.

T. H. Hammond was appointed to preach tonight, aided by A. B. Hardin.

On motion, we adjourned until 10 o'clock, Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Prayer service was conducted by A. A. Chavis.

The Association was called to order by the moderator.

The roll was called.

The record of Friday's proceedings was read and approved.

On motion, we pay the clerk \$15.00 for his services.

The report on Periodicals was presented by Ed Smith.

Report on Periodicals

We, as the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, ought to read more. We should know and practice all true Missionary Baptist methods and rules of service. We can learn all of this by reading. We should read to be well informed. We should have the best Baptist literature in our homes, that our children's minds might feed on things we would have them accept. We recommend the reading of the Bible more in our home. The Biblical Recorder and the Mission Journals.

Respectfully submitted,

ED SMITH, Committee.

The report was discussed by Ed Smith, W. G. Hunt, J. C. Clark, J. E. Hunt, and adopted.

The report on prayer meetings was presented by G. W. Locklear.

Report on Prayer Meeting.

Prayer meeting is one of the most essential of all meetings.

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed." Therefore, we desire to have more spiritual churches, so that souls may be gathered into the Kingdom.

Resolved, That a weekly prayer meeting be held in each church in this Association, that each pastor encourage these meetings. "Let your light so shine that others, seeing your good works may glorify our Father who art in heaven." And in the prayer meeting is a place for it to shine.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LOCKLEAR, Committee.

The report was discussed by G. W. Locklear, A. B. Hardin, W. D. Oxendine, and adopted.

The report on temperance was presented by P. P. Locklear.

Report on Temperance

If one would make the most of life he must be temperate in all things. It is the highest and best form of life that one can attain to. It leads not only to the greatest happiness, but also to honor and position. By abstaining from most things it is surprising how many things we enjoy. He who would be thoroughly temperate must master himself. His passions must be his subjects, obeying his will. From the heart he must be temperate. He must remember that the field of temperance is a broad one, covering the whole area of life. It is not simply against one form of appetite, one species of indulgence, that he is to guard against, but against all. There are other species of intemperate indulgence of which we are more or less guilty, than indulgence in drink. Indeed the indulgence of appetite carries away more victims from the earth than does drunkenness.

All species of intemperance grow of a want of self control. To be a temperate man a man must master himself, must be a brave, noble conqueror of every enemy within his own bosom. It is no small matter. It is the masterpiece of human attainments. The law of temperance can never be broken with impunity. The excess is committed today, but the effect is experienced tomorrow. The law of nature is that penalty shall follow excess. The punishment is mild at first but afterwards more and more severe until, when nature's warning voice has been unheeded and her punishment disregarded, the final penalty is death. We urge all to be temperate.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. LOCKLEAR, Committee.

The report was discussed by P. P. Locklear, A. A. Chavis, and adopted.

Report of committee on program:

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SESSION

11:00 A. M. Introductory sermon by Rev. E. F. Wariax.

1:00 P. M. Enrollment of delegates and permanent organization.

1:30. Report on Sabbath school by G. J. Chavis.

2:30. Report on Ministerial Education by A. N. Locklear.

SECOND DAY

- 9:30 A. M. Prayer and Praise service by W. J. Sampson.
10:00. Report on Home Mission by S. J. Chavis.
10:30. Woman's work by W. D. Oxendine.
11:30. Why we are Baptists by J. E. Hunt.
1:30 P. M. Report on Education by E. B. Sampson.

THIRD DAY

- 9:30 A. M. Prayer and Praise service by L. W. Jacobs.
10:00. Report on Temperance by Z. B. Brooks.
11:00. Report on Prayer Meetings by A. Chavis.
1:00 P. M. Report on Periodicals by W. G. Hunt.
1:30. Miscellaneous business.

SUNDAY

- 10:00 A. M. Sunday school Lesson, taught by Ed Smith.
11:00. Charitable sermon by W. G. Hunt.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. CHAVIS,
G. W. LOCKLEAR,
G. J. CHAVIS.

Committee.

WOMAN'S WORK

We have in our Association The Sisters Home Christian Society of Reedy Branch and Piney Grove, with a membership of 48.

Paid for missions \$23.00.

MRS. A. T. MORGAN, Pres.

MRS. ELIZABETH HUNT, Sec.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Deep Branch Church, with a membership of 15, and paid for mission \$11.25.

MRS. RUTH OXENDINE, Pres.

MISS ANALIZA SAMPSON, Sec.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Mt. Olive Church, with a membership of 16, paid for mission \$4.30.

MRS. MAGGIE LOCKLEAR, Pres.

MRS. S. A. LOWREY, Sec.

We, the sisters of these societies, recommend that the pastors of each church try to have the sisters of their churches organize in a Woman's Society to help us in this great cause of the uplift of humanity.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the collection on Sunday was to be divided between W. J. Hardin and R. H. Carter.

On motion, the delegates of Deep Branch Church were appointed a committee on vigilance for next Association.

\$2.25 was collected for foreign missions.

On motion, that a vote of thanks of this Association be extended to the Church of Reedy Branch for their hospitality to the Association during its session.

By motion, all unfinished business was left in the hands of the Moderator and Clerk.

After song, 402, "Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee," was sung, prayer by Bro. S. Lowrey, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Deep Branch Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1915.

REV. J. J. BELL, Moderator.

W. D. OXENDINE, Clerk

From a long series of experiences we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in a union. We, therefore, propose to keep the following plan of government.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who shall be known, designated and styled as Indians or lineal descendants of Indians and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members, whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates. And further, that no church shall be represented which holds any member in any official capacity, who is not an Indian or a colonial descendant of Indians. No church shall be recognized which permits any unorthodox minister to fill the stand.

Art. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

Art. 4. The members thus convened have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

Art 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, and a Committee for Ministers' relief fund, chosen by the members present, and an Executive Board composed of nine members.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship, provided further, that no church be admitted without first securing a home, that is, a site on which to build, with clear title for said property, said title to be first examined by a committee.

Art. 7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

Art. 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 9. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of what we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 10. The Annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the third Sunday in November at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 11. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause if the churches failed to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent to transact any business they may see proper. 7. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion. 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 12. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by two-thirds vote of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to remark on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the case and matters as clearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

Art. 6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without permission.

Art. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the Association.

Art. 8. No person shall engage in light or frivolous conversation, laughing, etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

Art. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other name than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be last to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association, as it shall think proper.

Art. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

OFFICERS

Moderator, J. J. Bell,	Lumberton N. C.
Clerk and Treasurer, W. D. Oxendine,	Buie, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

T. H. Hammond, Chairman	St. Pauls, N. C.
E. Sampson, Treasurer	Lumberton, N. C.
W. D. Oxendine, Secretary	Buie, N. C.
M. C. Chavis	Pates N. C.
C. L. Oxendine	Pembroke, N. C.
M. A. Ransom	Raynham, N. C.
J. H. Smith	St. Pauls, N. C.
Willie Jacobs	Register, Ga.
A. A. Chavis	Lowe, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. J. Bell	Lumberton, N. C., R. 1
S. J. Chavis	St. Pauls, N. C., R. 1
J. C. Clark	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3
J. E. Hunt	Lumberton, N. C., R. 3
W. G. Hunt	Lumberton, N. C., R. 6
Z. B. Brooks	Raynham, N. C.
Z. R. Chavis	Pembroke, N. C., R. 1
P. P. Locklear	Buie, N. C., R. 1
E. F. Worlax	Lumberton, N. C., R. 3
Wm. Hammonds	Lumberton, N. C., R. 1
A. I. Taylor	Register, Ga.

LICENTIATES

Ed Smith	St. Pauls, N. C. R. 2
W. J. Sampson	Lumberton, N. C., R. 6
S. S. Lowrey	Raynham, N. C.
Geo. Chavis	Pembroke, N. C.
A. B. Hardin	Lumberton, N. C., R. 1
R. H. Carter	Raynham, N. C.

DELEGATES' NAMES

Ed Smith	Branson Chavis
Jas. Bell	C. Jones
Jos. Locklear	Jackson Oxendine
L. W. Jacobs	S. M. Oxendine
Neal Jacobs	R. D. Hunt
Nelson Chavis	N. Chavis
S. Lowrey	A. Chavis
F. Barton	W. W. Morgan
E. A. Morgan	W. N. Sampson
G. W. Locklear	P. A. Oxendine
W. J. Hardine	G. J. Chavis
J. M. Locklear	S. B. Locklear
T. H. Hammonds	Cary Locklear
A. B. Hardin	D. D. Locklear
S. P. Brewington	Ed Chavis
Alex Chavis	J. B. Thomas
A. A. Chavis	W. D. Godwin
Jno. Jacobs	Richard Chavis

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND TIME OF PREACHING

Antioch	W. G. Hunt	2nd Sunday
Reedy Branch	J. E. Hunt	1st Sunday
Harpers Ferry	S. S. Lowrey	3rd Sunday
Mt. Olive	S. S. Lowrey	2nd Sunday
Mt. Moriah	Z. R. Chavis	3rd Sunday
Magnolia	Z. R. Chavis	1st Sunday
Gray Pond	S. J. Chavis	3rd Sunday
Pleasant View	Z. R. Chavis	4th Sunday
Mt Zion	A. T. Taylor	1st Sunday
Piney Grove	J. E. Hunt	2nd Sunday
Deep Branch	J. E. Hunt	4th Sunday
Bear Swamp	W. J. Sampson	1st Sunday
Oak Grove	E. F. Wariax	1st Sunday

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES		Male	Females	Total	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Died	Excluded	Dis. by Letter	Home Missions	Minute Fund	Pastors Salary	Church Value	Education	Charities
Antioch		36	61	97	10	3	1	2	2		\$1.50	\$3.00	\$45.00	\$	3.00	\$20.00
Reedy Branch		72	170	242	16	1	7	3	6		3.50	2.50	69.54	1500	12.50	2.50
Harpers Ferry		17	39	56	6		2	1	1		.50	1.00		800	1.00	
Mt. Moriah		13	29	42	10		1	1	1		4.00	1.00			1.00	3.00
Magnolia		21	38	59	1		2	1	5	1	6.20	2.00	14.22	800	10.50	4.87
Mt. Olive		24	50	74	5			2	1		1.00	1.00	29.25			
Gray Pond		17	13	30	2			3	2		2.00	.50	75.00	500	1.50	10.00
Pleasant View		25	29	54				3	2	1	3.00	6.00	55.00	100		4.25
Mt. Zion		18	24	42	7	1	2	4	4	1	1.50	3.00	55.00	600	3.00	1.50
Deep Branch		21	47	68	1			1	1	6	2.00	2.00	35.00	400		5.00
Bear Swamp		25	43	68	3	2	1	2	5	2	2.50	2.25	75.00		4.00	7.00
Oak Grove		13	31	44				2	2							9.25
Piney Grove		23	57	80	9			2	5	2						

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OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP
Baptist Association



Held With

THE DEEP BRANCH CHURCH

November 18, 19, 20, 1915

The next session of the Association will be
held with the Mt. Airy Church Nov. 16, 17,
18, 1916.

Deep Branch Baptist Church, Nov. 18, 1915.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met in its thirty-sixth annual session with the Deep Branch church.

After song and prayer services, Rev. J. J. Bell preached the introductory sermon from 1st. Tim. 3 ch. 15 v.

The association was led in prayer by Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

The roll of churches was called and a majority found present.

Bros. A. N. Locklear, Ed. Smith and M. C. Chavis were appointed finance committee.

The letters from the different churches were read and received, except the petition letters.

The roll of delegates was called.

The moderator extended an invitation to newly constituted churches, and visiting brethren. Mt. Airy Baptist church was received into the Association.

Rev. J. J. Bell was re-elected moderator: W. D. Oxendine re-elected clerk and treasurer.

Bro. A. Chavis, Bro. J. A. Locklear and Bro. E. Sampson were appointed committee of arrangement.

Bro. A. A. Chavis, Bro. A. N. Locklear and Bro. J. A. Locklear were appointed committee on program.

The report on Sabbath school was read by W. D. Oxendine.

Report on Sabbath Schools

In all ages of the world there has never been a greater work in the Sabbath school as is being done now.

From the classes in the Sabbath school the church receives the majority of her members.

The Sunday school is the followers of Christ at work. Through the medium of the Sabbath school, the path of life is pointed out to the boys and girls and older ones of the community in which it is located.

GEORGE J. CHAVIS, Committee.

The report was discussed by A. N. Locklear, A. A. Chavis, Ed Smith and the moderator and adopted.

The report on Ministerial Education was presented by Bro. A. N. Locklear, and was discussed by A. N. Locklear, L. W. Jacobs, Jas. Rodges and A. Chavis and adopted.

The association adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

After song service the Association was led in prayer by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

Rev. J. F. Davis from Robeson Association was made welcome to a seat with us.

The report on Home Mission was presented by Rev. S. J. Chavis.

Report on Home Missions

We find this cause much neglected in our association. So we urge the association to appoint a missionary to work in the field.

The work in this sphere is a command of our Lord, the apostles preached at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. CHAVIS, Committee.

The report was discussed by Rev. J. F. Davis and Bro. A. N. Locklear, and adopted.

The topic, "Why Are We Baptist" was discussed by Rev. J. E. Hunt and Rev. J. F. Davis.

12 M., Rev. J. F. Davis preached. Text—St. John 1:1, 2.

The association adjourned for noon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association was led in prayer by Bro. A. A. Chavis.

Rev. L. B. Baldwin of Richland Association was welcomed to a seat.

On motion, the Standing Board made the following report:

We have set apart for the ministry Bro. W. J. Sampson and Bro. S. S. Lowrey.

On motion, the report was received and the Board discontinued.

On motion, the next Association was located with the Mt. Airy church.

The report on Education was presented by Bro. E. B. Sampson.

Report on Education

Man has not always been a preserver, but a waster, but the time has come for the true conservation of all forces and the greatest of these forces is the young people of the

nation—the boys and girls of today—the men and women of tomorrow. There is a finer thing in life than the preservation of field and forest, of wood and stream, and that is the conservation and the preservation of our boys and girls, the conservation and the reformation of the young people of our nation, and one of the means of conservation is the environment, the training and the education that is given. Education pays in physical, in intellectual, and in spiritual development, and only can the greatest good come by the development of these three forces along parallel. In the spiritual development the great conserving powers of morals is the evangelical church of God. The nation needs leadership, but spiritual leadership is the greatest need of the day. The true spirit of life is not selfishness but service, and to serve humanity is to be the leader of life. The ideal for education is for service not for selfishness.

Respectfully,

E. B. SAMPSON, Committee.

The report was discussed by Bro. A. A. Chavis, Bro. A. N. Locklear and Rev. J. F. Davis and adopted.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev J. C. Clark.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

After song service the Association was led in prayer by Bro. L. W. Jacobs.

The Finance Committee reported collected for minute funds \$31.55.

The report on Temperance was presented by Rev. Z. B. Brooks.

The Report on Temperance

After giving the subject of temperance some study, I find that one should be temperate in all things. The damage influence of strong drink has been the break down of some but in all things one should be temperate, it leads to happiness and honor.

Respectfully,

Z. B. BROOKS, Committee.

The report was discussed by Z. B. Brooks and W. D. Oxendine and adopted.

The report on Woman's Work was presented by W. D. Oxendine.

Report on Woman's Work

The Baptist women of North Carolina have been engaged in organized work for twenty-eight years. These have been years of steady growth and achievement.

But in our association there are only a few societies among the sisters.

The Baptist brotherhood, and especially the pastors of the Burnt Swamp Association should remember that our woman's work is basal, and give it their encouragement. The day of criticism and experiment is past, there should be no question in any mind as to its worth and efficiency in our denominational life. The most sanguine of ten years ago could not have dreamed of the latent power then unused in our church life.

The work of the woman's societies has not been as vigorously or perhaps as we ought to say, its importance has not been felt by our people as it should. This department of the work of the women are already telling in the training that is being imparted.

But this is an endless story. There are more yet to be accomplished in the training of the young life of our church for the tasks of the Kingdom.

Respectfully,

W. D. OXENDINE, Committee.

Remarks was made on the subject by W. D. Oxendine and adopted.

The report on Prayer Meetings was presented by A. Chavis.

Report on Prayer Meetings

Prayer holds a very important part in the life of every genuine Christian. Without it we can hold no direct communication with God. But by sincere earnest prayer we can come boldly to a throne of grace with the assurance that we can obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need.

Therefore, if it so important in the individual Christian life—we being enjoined to pray without ceasing—we conclude that it is just as important in the church life.

As an example of the benefit of prayer read the 2nd chapter of the Acts of the Apostles when they were all with one accord in one place in prayer and the Holy Ghost came with power upon the church and the result was the conversion of 3,000 souls. With other Scriptures that might

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Deep Branch	S. S. Lowrey	4th Sunday
Bear Swamp	Z. R. Chavis	1st Sunday
Oak Grove	J. J. Bell	1st Sunday
Piney Grove	J. O. Hunt	
Mt. Airy	W. J. Sampson	4th Sunday

ORDAINED MINISTERS

S. S. Lowrey	Raynham, N. C., R. 1.
W. J. Sampson	Lumberton, N. C., R. 6.
J. J. Bell	Lumberton, N. C., R. 1.
S. J. Chavis	St. Pauls, N. C., R. 1.
J. C. Clark	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3.
Work of the	Lumberton, N. C., R. 3.
W. G. Hunt	Lumberton, N. C., R. 6.
Z. B. Brooks	Raynham, N. C.
Z. R. Chavis	Pembroke, N. C., R. 1.
P. P. Locklear	Roie, N. C., R. 1.
E. F. Worlax	Lumberton, N. C., R. 3.
Wm. Hammonds	Lumberton N. C., R. 1.
A. I. Taylor	Roister, Ga.

LICENTIATES

Ed Smith	St. Pauls, N. C., R. 2.
Geo. Chavis	Pembroke, N. C.
A. B. Hardin	Lumberton, N. C., R. 1.
R. H. Carter	Raynham, N. C.

DELEGATES NAMES

J. W. Hammonds	L. W. Jacobs
B. D. Chavis	H. H. Freeman
R. H. Carter	Nelson Chavis
M. C. Chavis	J. A. Locklear
A. N. Locklear	G. W. Locklear
E. A. Morgan	W. D. Oxendine
Sandy Chavis	Anguish Chavis
John Jacobs	E. Sampson
Alex Chavis	W. W. Morgan
Matthew Jacobs	Willie Locklear
A. Locklear	Stephen Locklear
W. B. Carter	Gary Locklear
J. H. Pate	P. D. Locklear
S. M. Oxendine	R. T. Cummings
G. F. Hunt	Martin Wilkins
K. B. Hunt	Jno. Hunt
Lonnie Locklear	Neal Morgan
Willis Locklear	Sandy Locklear

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in a union. We, therefore, propose to keep the following plan of government.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who shall be known, designated and styled as Indians or lineal descendants of Indians and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members, whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates. And further, that no church shall be represented which holds any member in any official capacity, who is not an Indian or a colonial descendant of Indians. No church shall be recognized which permits any unorthodox minister to fill the stand.

Art. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

Art. 4. That members thus conveyed have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

Art. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer and a Committee for Ministers' Relief Fund, chosen by the members present, and an Executive Board composed of nine members.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship, provided further, that no church be admitted without first securing a home, that is, a site on which to build, with clear title for said property, said title to be first examined by a committee.

Art. 7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

Art. 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 9. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of what we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 10. The annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the third Sunday in November at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 11. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause if the churches failed to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent to transact any business they may see proper. 7. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion. 8. to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 12. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by two-thirds vote of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to remark on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the case and matters as clearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

Art. 6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without permission.

Art. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the Association.

Art. 8. No person shall engage in light or frivolous conversation, laughing, etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

Art. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other name than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be last to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association, as it shall think proper.

Art. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BURNT SWAMP SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Sept. 25, 1915.

Burnt Swamp Sunday School Convention met in its seventh annual session with Deep Branch church. It began by singing by the choir. Prayer was led by Rev. W. J. Hunt. The introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. J. C. Clark subject, 3 chapter of 1st John, text 1st, chapter, 9th verse; after which dinner was spread in the grove by the ladies of Deep Branch church. At 3:30 o'clock. Come together for regular business: opened by Chairman. Reading 150th Psalm. Singing hymn No. 427. Prayer was led by Bro. A. N. Locklear. Roll of schools was called and a majority was present.

Finance committee was appointed.

Letters were called for and read.

The chairman declared the house ready for business, extending invitation to any new school wishing to join. Mt. Airy school came forth and the right hand of fellowship was given.

Roll called for reelection of officers.

Motion. Bro. W. D. Oxendine be chairman.

Motion. Bro. Ed Smith be clerk and treasurer.

Motion. Bro. A. N. Locklear be missionary and Colporteur to meet with the different schools and give them a talk and plead with them to join this convention.

Roll called. The meeting was taken up and the next meeting will be held with Mt. Olive church Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1916.

Topic: Should Woman Manage Society Alone? Led by L. W. Jacobs.

Topic: Should Woman Manage Society Alone

I think not. Because in the creation woman was given to man as a helpmate. Again, the man in the home society is the head, in the religious society man is the leader manager, in fraternal society man is manager.

Respectfully submitted by

L. W. JACOBS

Program 1916

10:00 Meet for worship.

11:00 Introductory sermon by Rev. S. S. Lowrey.

12:00 Recess.

1:00 General business.

2:00 1st Query, Duty of Supt., by A. A. Chavis.

3:00 2nd Query, How Can we Arouse a More Working Spirit
in Sunday School? led by Bro. A. N. Locklear.
Sunday school lesson taught by E. B. Sampson.

NANCY OXENDINE,
MAGGIE LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

Topic

What is Society and What Does it Mean to Us? Discussed
by Bros. A. A. Chavis, A. N. Locklear.

What is Society and What Does It Mean to Us? Society
is a Union of persons. Company, a fraternity; people at
large. It means to us good surroundings, good company
that is helpful to the training of our children. The best
society is the church and Sunday school.

Respectfully,

W. W. MORGAN.

Finance Committee's Report

Mt. Olive	\$1.50
Reedy Branch	1.50
Deep Branch	1.00
Bear Swamp50
Magnola50
Harpers Ferry	1.00
Andloch	2.00
Mt. Arry	1.25
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G. W. LOCKLEAR,
B. F. CHAVIS,

Committee.

Delegates: David Carter, Alvie Carter, Lula Smith, Nancy
Oxendine, A. N. Locklear, S. S. Lowery, H. G. Revels, S.
P. Bewington, W. W. Blanks, S. B. Locklear, Analizar Ox-
endine, R. D. Locklear, F. L. Locklear, Maggie Locklear,

J. R. Oxendine, L. W. Jacobs, Beatrice Hunt, D. B. Hunt, A. A. Chavis, Oliver Sampson, C. L. Oxendine, Morilla Chavis, B. F. Chavis.

SUNDAY

Sunday school lesson was taught by Bro. Ed Smith, 25th chapter of Matthew, answer to the subject the unsaved man is lost.

Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt, subject I Am the Shepherd.

So ended another year's work by the Sunday schools. May God bless one and all who constitutes our Sunday schools.

A vote of thanks was extended Deep Branch church for taking care of the convention.

W. D. OXENDINE, Chairman.

ED SMITH, Clerk and Treasurer.

MINUTES OF THE HOME CHRISTIAN SOCIETY AT REEDY BRANCH

Met in its 5th annual session Mrs. Malinda Oxendine as vice president and Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, secretary.

11-20 the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Hunt from 1st Cor. 11th chapter and 1st verse.

12 o'clock, one hour intermission was given for dinner and refreshments.

2 P. M. the Society was called together by the president. Reading the 26th division of Psalms. Prayer by L. W. Jacobs.

Roll of delegates called and a majority being present the election of officers was taken up and Mrs. A. T. Morgan was re-elected as president and Mrs. Larami Hunt as vice president. Mrs. Elizabeth was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

On motion, the programme was taken up and discussed.

1st query. What is the best method of training our children? led by Mrs. Viney Huggins. [Was handsomely discussed by the appointe and others. Ans., More restruictions by our parents and community.

2nd query. Why did Rachel desire children? was handsomely discussed by Rev. J. E. Hunt and others. Ans., That she might receive the honor of a Savior being born in the world.

3rd query. Was Samuel a Nazarite by promise or by

birth? was discussed by Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt. Ans., by promise.

On motion, Mrs. Malinda Oxendine and Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt were appointed to draw up a program for next association.

The report from Reedy Branch society was called for and read as follows:

We, the Home Christian Society at Reedy Branch are doing a good work and our hearts' desire is for better. Our records show that we have 18 members in good standing. We have paid for charity \$13.45, paid to church for building \$12.00.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Miss Johnnie Chavis, Miss Dora Huggins, Miss Malinda Oxendine.

On motion, the committee on program make their report.

Report

Meet at 10:30 o'clock. Introductory sermon preached by Rev. J E. Hunt.

12 m. 1 p. m. Noon. Dinner and refreshments.

1 p. m. General business.

2 p. m. Topic: What is a mother to her home and community, led by Sister Annie Clark.

2:30. 2nd topic: What steps can we take to create a better stand together spirit in our society, led by Mrs. Malinda Oxendine.

3 p. m. 3rd topic:

On motion, the location of next meeting taken up, and on motion it was located at Reedy Branch church, Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1916.

On motion, we have a call meeting Saturday before the second Sunday in December, 1915.

On motion, we call off until tomorrow.

SUNDAY MORNING

Met at 10:30 o'clock. Music was furnished by the choir. Bible lesson was taught by Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt from the 24th chapter of Matthew.

A recess of 15 minutes given.

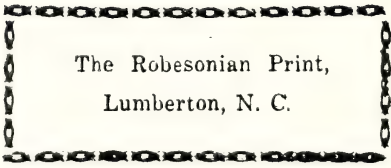
At 12:15 the society was called together by the president. Song No. 76 from Happy Voices No. 9 was sung. Prayer by Bro. L. W. Jacobs.

Sermon preached by Rev. J. C. Clark. Text, Ruth first

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES		Males	Females	Total	Baptized	Rec by letter	Restored	Died	Excluded	Dis. by letter	Home mission	Minute fund	Pastors' salary	Church value	Education	Charities
X Antioch	.....	37	62	99	7	7	1	4	1	7	1	\$ 2.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 100	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.00
X Reedy Branch	.....	57	175	232	10	1	1	9	2	9	1	2.00	125.00	1500	5.00	13.45
X Harpers Ferry	.....	17	41	56	3			1	1	1		2.00	20.00			
X Mt. Moriah	.....														
X Magnolia	.....														
X Mt. Olive	.....	23	51	74	2	2			1	1		3.00	32.60	1000	8.51	10.25
X Gray Pond	.....	17	13	30	2							1.00	50.00	400		12.70
X Pleasant View	.....	21	26	49	3	3		1	9	1	1	1.00	36.09	100		10.70
X Mt. Zion	.....	25	26	51	5	5	2	2	1	2		11.50	35.00	600		2.00
X Deep Branch	.....	26	45	71	4	4	2	1	1	1		1.75		650	6.93	1.50
X Bear Swamp	.....	19	58	77	3			2		3	7	1.50	40.00	560		13.18
X Oak Grove	25	44	69	15	15		8	1			2.50	75.00	500	3.75	1.90
X Piney Grove	19	62	81	6	6		2		6		2.50			1.00	9.91
X Mt. Airy	24	20	44	12	12	11					2.00				

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PROCEEDINGS
of the
THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the

BURNT SWAMP
Baptist Association



Held With
THE MT. AIRY CHURCH
NOVEMBER 16, 17, 18, 1916
[16, 17, 18, 1916]

The next session will be held with the Oak Grove
Church, November 1, 2, 3, 1917

[1, 2, 3, 1917]

earnest consideration to this question is simply suicidal. We Baptists must produce efficient ministers for our churches and the work God has for us to do.

Efficiency consists in the accomplishment of the task assigned in the time and manner required.

In the ministry depends on ability, piety, consecration and education. The first is the gift of God through the fathers and mothers. To have great preachers we must have great homes. The second and third are the product of a genuine religious experience. None of these cost money.

With the last it is expensive and growing more so annually. We ought to make it possible for every man called to preach the gospel to get the education that he needs for the highest usefulness of which his gifts render him capable.

Let us pray God to call more and train those whom He gives.

Give of your substance to educate them for the ministry.

Respectfully,

S. S. LOWREY, Com.

The report was discussed by Rev. S. S. Lowrey, Bros. W. A. Bell, W. D. Oxendine, E. Sampson, A. Chavis, J. A. Pate, S. J. Chavis and P. P. Locklear and then adopted.

On motion the ministerial educational board pay Rev. W. J. Sampson \$25.00 to help him to school.

On motion the home mission board assist Rev. S. S. Lowrey.

On motion that the home mission board pay Mt. Airy \$25.00 for building purposes.

On motion that this Association shall meet on Thursday before the first Sunday in November.

On motion we call off. Prayer by Bro. Isaac Brayboy. Benediction by the moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING

After prayer and praise service conducted by Bro. A. N. Locklear the Association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Rev. E. F. Wariax.

The roll of delegates was called and a majority found present. The items of Thursday were read and approved.

The moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting brothers.

The report on Sabbath school was presented by A. N. Locklear.

Sunday School Mission Report

We find this field broad, essential and interesting.

This is a necessary work for our Association. We made very few visits this year but will venture to say that each one paid well.

We don't look upon the Sunday school as we have in former times—a mere place of gathering ourselves together, but a fair field for useful labor. A power for good.

The Sunday school is a free and independent society, whose sole duty is to take care of the children of our country.

We may well be proud of such an institution for the betterment of mankind and the strength of the church. We heartily recommend this part of mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. LOCKLEAR, S.S. Missionary.

The report was discussed by Bro. A. N. Locklear, Bro. W. D. Oxendine, Bro. J. H. Pate, and then adopted.

The report on home mission was presented by Rev. Z. B. Brooks.

Home Missions

After considering this most important subject would say that this has been much neglected in our Association. Charity begins at home, so we must love those in darkness so much that we will be willing to carry the lamp to them so they, too, may see to walk. To do this, my brethren, we will have to take of our means to send some one God hath appointed to carry this light to them.

Home; what charms hang around that word. We should make this one a pleasant spot for those that abide there. So I would urge this Association to help in this cause—this great cause, "Home Mission".

Respectfully submitted,

Z. B. BROOKS.

The report was discussed by Rev. Z. B. Brooks, Rev. F. A. Prevatt, and then adopted.

On motion, we call off for noon.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Call to order by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. F. L. Locklear.

Rev. C. D. Brewington, Rev. A. A. Locklear, Rev. F. A. Prevatt were made welcome to a seat.

The letters from Reedy Branch and Mt. Moriah were read

and received.

The committee on foreign mission reported \$15.21 collected.

The report was received and the money sent to the foreign mission board.

On motion, Bro. A. A. Chavis, Bro. A. N. Locklear and Sister Attelier Morgan were appointed foreign mission committee.

On motion the next association meet with Oak Grove church.

The report on general education was presented by Bro. L. W. Jacobs.

Report on Education

Education means development, training the mind and heart. By education we may improve our work. It is one of the leading principles of the world and should be highly appreciated, especially in the bounds of this Association, because the demand of today is for better prepared men and women. The present educational facilities with which we are blessed are in part the fruits of our labors. We at this age can realize that if we would be progressive we must educate. We should educate our boys and girls to enable them to do more and better work. God demands the best of us, therefore, we should use every opportunity to make ourselves better workers. Then we will be able to meet the demand of God.

Respectfully submitted,

By L. W. JACOBS.

Remarks were made on the subject by Bro. L. W. Jacobs and Bro. A. N. Locklear and then adopted.

The Report on Periodicals

This is a century in which people delight in reading matter. There are periodicals that sustain and defend the truth. We cannot emphasize too strongly the fact that it is the duty of our people to take and read all the good literature possible. We recommend the Biblical Recorder published at Raleigh as a faithful expounder of Baptist doctrine.

The report was discussed by Rev. S. S. Lowrey, Rev. F. A. Prevatt and Rev. C. D. Brewington.

And was adopted.

On motion we call off till 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

Prayer by W. D. Oxendine. Benediction by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30. Prayer and praise service was conducted by Bro. T. H. Hammonds.

10:00. The Association was called to order by the moderator reading 20th chapter St. Matt. Prayer by Rev. S. S. Lowrey.

The roll was called.

The finance committee reported \$34.50. The report was received.

On motion the collection of Sunday be given to Mt. Airy church, which amounted to \$46.09.

On motion that Rev. J. J. Bell, Rev. Z. B. Brooks, Rev. W. C. Hunt, Bro. J. C. Clark, Bro. E. E. Warner, were elected standing board.

The report on temperance was presented by Bro. J. H. Pate.

Report on Temperance

We, your committee, make the following report:

This question of temperance is of great importance to us as Christians when we consider that God created all things for a good purpose and many things for our happiness and still we go to the extreme with some things that we consider no harm and condemn the use of other things that are no worse. Let us work harder for the salvation of souls that we may overcome the evils of this life and decide that we will never be able to drive all the hindrances out of the way.

But after we shall have accepted Christ and are led by the Holy Spirit we will then learn the great lesson of temperance.

J. H. PATE, Committee

The report was discussed by Bro. J. H. Pate and Bro. M. L. Lowrey, and then adopted.

On motion, Bro. A. Chavis, A. A. Chavis, E. Sampson, M. C. Chavis, J. A. Locklear, S. M. Oxendine, A. N. Locklear, L. W. Jacobs, Cary Locklear were appointed Executive Board.

On motion we call off for noon.

1:30. The Association was led in prayer by L. W. Jacobs. The report on prayer meeting was presented by S. S. Lowrey.

Prayer Meeting

We must first clearly recognize that God puts prayer before us as necessary if we would gain our ends.

We read of prayer ages before God directly enjoined it, and

in such a way that we can only believe the idea of prayer to be intuitive. Man naturally turns to God in prayer. The Psalmist was but uttering a universal truth when he said: "O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." (Psa. LXV. 2.)

The duty of prayer is inculcated, not only by the example of the Old Testament saints, but also directly by our Lord, who bade His disciples, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." (Matt. IX. 38.) The disciples were bidden to ask God to do his own work, and thus to co-operate with Him in His labor of love. But this is only a sample of all prayer. God is ever seeking the salvation and well-being of his children, and yet he requires them to ask him for the very things of which He knows they stand in the direst need. This being true it is eminently fitting that we, as Christ's followers, should congregate ourselves together in prayer meetings, and pray as members of Christ for God hears and answers our prayers only because we are members of his beloved Son—hence are we edified.

Respectfully,

S. S. LOWRY.

Remarks were made on the subject by S. S. Lowry, J. R. Lowrey and Rev. P. P. Locklear, and then adopted.

Report of the Home Mission Board

By balance on hand	\$180.98
Received for foreign mission	10.00
Paid Mt. Airy church	\$25.00
Paid R. T. Allen for Foreign Mission	10.00
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	\$35.00 \$190.98

Amount in treasury	\$155.98
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EVERT SAMPSON, Treas.

Report of the Ministerial Educational Board

Balance on hand 1915	\$65.62
Paid for institute	\$58.00
Received in 1916	18.50
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	\$58.00 \$84.12

On hand	\$26.12
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J. B. OXENDINE, Treas.

On motion the Constitution be condensed.

The program committee made the following report:

Program

FIRST DAY

- 11:00 o'clock Sermon by Rev. P. P. Locklear.
- 1:00 o'clock, Organization.
- 1:30 p. m. Report on Sunday school by L. W. Jacobs.
- 2:30 p. m. Report on ministerial education by W. D. Oxendine.

SECOND DAY

- 9:30 a. m. Prayer and praise service by F. L. Locklear.
- 10:00 a. m. Report on home mission by A. N. Locklear.
- 10:30 a. m. Report on foreign mission by A. A. Chavis.
- 1:00 p. m. General education by Colon Oxendine.

THIRD DAY

- 9:30 a. m. Prayer and praise service by R. D. Locklear.
- 10:00 a. m. Report on prayer meeting by J. H. Pate.
- 11:00 a. m. Report on periodicals by A. Chavis.
- 1:30 p. m. Miscellaneous business.

SUNDAY

- 11:00 a. m. Sermon by S. S. Lowrey.

On motion, a vote of thanks of this Association be extended to the citizens of the Mt. Airy community for the kind hospitality to the delegates during this session.

After song and prayer this Association adjourned to meet with the Oak Grove church.

REV. J. J. BELL, Moderator.

W. D. OXENDINE, Clerk.

OFFICERS

J. J. Bell, Moderator.

W. D. Oxendine, Clerk and Treasurer.

Executive Board: A. Chavis, chairman. A. A. Chavis, secretary, E. Sampson, treasurer, M. C. Chavis, J. A. Locklear, S. M. Oxendine, A. N. Locklear, L. W. Jacobs and Cary Locklear.

Ministerial Educational Board: J. W. Oxendine, chairman, G. W. Locklear, sec., J. B. Oxendine, treasurer, Jas Sampson and W. D. Oxendine.

Standing Board: J. J. Bell, chairman, W. G. Hunt, sec., Z. B. Brooks, J. C. Clark and E. F. Wariax.

MINUTES OF THE HOME CHRISTIAN SOCIETY

The Society met in its 6th annual session Sept. 9, 1916.

11:30 the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Clark. Text, St. Mark 6:14, Let her alone.

12:00, one hour intermission was given for dinner.

1:00 p. m. the society was called to order by the President reading 37th division of the Psalms. Prayer by W. D. Oxendine.

The letter was read and received.

The delegates' names were called; a majority was present.

On motion, Sister A. T. Morgan was re-elected President, and Sister Elizabeth Hunt, secretary.

The President declared the house in order for business.

Sister Callie Hunt, Sister Anna Clark and Sister Malinda Oxendine were appointed Program Committee.

The program was taken up.

First topic: What is a mother in her home? Was fittingly discussed by Sister Anna Clark, Sister Malinda Oxendine and others.

Second topic: What steps can we take to create a better stand-together spirit in our society? Was discussed by Sister Malinda Oxendine, Sister Anna Clark and others.

On motion, the next annual meeting was located with Piney Bluff, Miss., Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1917.

On motion, Sister Callie Hunt and Sister Malinda Oxendine were appointed Missionaries.

Program for Next Meeting

11:30 A. M. Sermon by L. W. Jacobs.

1:00 P. M. General business.

2:00 P. M. Is it more merrier to be in the work of the Lord than to be in the service of the world? by A. T. Morgan. Second topic: Why is it we do not have the co-operation of the brothers? Led by Sister Lillie J. Hunt.

Delegates Names: Anna Clark, Dora Huggins, Vina Huggins, Sis Hunt, Lummie Oxendine, Callie Hunt, Anna Lizza Oxendine, Farraella Locklear, Downa A. Locklear.

On motion, we adjourn.

Hymn, Nearer My God To Thee, was sung. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Clark.

A. T. MORGAN, President.

ELIZABETH HUNT, Secretary.

DELEGATES NAMES

A. B. Chavis	Ed Smith
J. W. Hammonds	M. C. Chavis
A. N. Locklear	S. Lowrey
A. B. Hardin	T. H. Hammonds
S. P. Brewington	J. E. Dial
F. L. Locklear	J. A. Locklear
Alex. Chavis	Jno. Jacobs
Cleveland Chavis	Willie Jacobs
Ashley Jacobs	W. A. Bell
A. Chavis	E. Sampson
H. T. Sampson	A. R. Chavis
Geo. Chavis	Matthew Jacobs
J. H. Pate	Gussie Bowen
Richard Chavis	R. T. Cummings
S. H. Wilkins	W. D. Oxendine
G. F. Hunt	S. M. Oxendine
K. B. Hunt	Niel Jacobs
S. P. Hunt	L. W. Jacobs
P. P. Locklear	E. G. Smith
Preston Hardin	

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Time of Preaching
Antioch	W. G. Hunt	2nd Sunday
Reedy Branch	W. G. Hunt	1st Sunday
Harpers Ferry	Z. B. Brooks	3rd Sunday
Mt. Moriah	P. P. Locklear	3rd Sunday
Magnolia	T. H. Hammonds	1st Sunday
Mt. Olive	Z. B. Brooks	2nd Sunday
Gray Pond	P. P. Locklear	3rd Sunday
Pleasant View . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Mt. Zion . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Deep Branch	Z. B. Brooks	4th Sunday
Bear Swamp	Z. R. Chavis	1st Sunday
Oak Grove	J. J. Bell	1st Sunday
Piney Grove	J. E. Hunt	2nd Sunday
Mt. Airy	W. J. Sampson	4th Sunday

ORDAINED MINISTERS

S. S. Lowrey, Raynham, N. C., R. 1.
W. J. Sampson, Lumberton, N. C., R. 6.
J. J. Bell, Lumberton, N. C., R. 1.
S. J. Chavis, St. Paul, N. C., R. 1.
J. E. Hunt, Fairmont, N. C., R. 3.
J. C. Clark, Fairmont, N. C., R. 3.
W. G. Hunt, Lumberton, N. C., R. 6.
Z. B. Brooks, Raynham, N. C., R. 1.
Z. R. Chavis, Pembroke, N. C., R. 1.
P. P. Locklear, Buie, N. C., R. 1.
E. F. Wariax, Buie, N. C., R. 2.
Wm. Hammonds, Lumberton, R. 1.
T. H. Hammonds, Lumberton, N. C., R. 1.

A. T. Taylor, Claxton, Ga.

LICENTIATES

Geo. Chavis, Lumberton, N. C., R. 6.

A. B. Hardin, Lumberton, R. 1.

R. H. Carter, Fairmont, N. C., R. 3.

W. A. Bell, Claxton, Ga.

R. S. Goins,

L. W. Jacobs, Fairmont, N. C., R. 3.

Ed Smith, St. Paul, N. C., R. 1.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Burnt Swamp Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who shall be known, designated and styled as Indians, or lineal descendants of Indians and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members, whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates. And further, that no church shall be represented which holds any member in any official capacity, who is not an Indian or a colonial descendant of Indians.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory counsel, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer and a Ministerial Educational Board, and a Standing Board of 5 members, and an Executive Board of 9 members.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship; provided further, that no church be admitted without first securing a home, that is, a site on which to build, with clear title for said property, said title to be first examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should

have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of what we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the first Sunday in November at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 10. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause if the churches failed to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent to transact any business they may see proper. 7. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion. 8. To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by two-thirds vote of the members present.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Sept. 23, 1916.

The Eighth Annual Session of the Burnt Swamp Sunday School Convention was held with Mt. Olive Church Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1916.

The Convention was called to order at 11:30 o'clock. Introductory sermon delivered by Bro. L. W. Jacobs, assisted by Bro. Ed Smith, subject 14th chapter, 15th verse of St. John, was delivered with power and simplicity. After which a recess was given and the ladies of that vicinity prepared a table and filled it to the fullness with a good dinner. All ate and enjoyed a talk with friends for a short time.

At 1:30 o'clock the bell rang and the Convention was called to order by the Chairman reading 12th chapter Ecclesiastes; sing-

ing No. 102 by the choir; prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Moore.

Bro. J. R. Oxendine and F. L. Locklear were appointed Finance Committee.

Letters were called for and read.

Delegates names enrolled: Maggie Locklear, S. M. Locklear, J. R. Oxendine, Donnie B. Hunt, S. P. Hunt, L. W. Jacob, E. Sampson, James Sampson, Rutha Oxendine, A. N. Locklear, Nancy Oxendine, Marvin Lowery, Alvie Carter, A. R. Chavis, Callie Carter, D. A. Oxendine, Eddie Jacob. Morilla Chavis, R. D. Locklear, Edgar Locklear, Mollie Locklear.

The officers were elected: Bro. W. D. Oxendine, Chairman; Bro. Ed Clark, Clerk and Treasurer; Bro. Marvin Lowery. Bro. J. A. Locklear, Bro. G. W. Locklear were appointed Program Committee.

Motion. Bro. G. W. Locklear be missionary and colporter for 1917.

By motion, the next annual session will be held with Reedy Branch church Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1917.

Program for September, 1917

10:00 Meet for worship.

11:00 Introductory sermon by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

12:00 Recess.

1:00 General business.

2:00 1st Query: The duty of the pastor toward the Sunday school, led by Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

3:00 2nd Query: Should the Sunday school be for children or for both children and parents, led by Bro. J. A. Locklear.

Marvin Lowery, G. W. Locklear, committee, report of Finance Committee, from the different churches collected \$6.75.

The program was taken up and queries were discussed.

1st, The duty of superintendents, led by Bro. E. Sampson, discussed by Rev. W. L. Moore and others; 2nd query. How can we attract more working people to our Sunday schools, led by Bro. L. W. Jacobs, discussed handsomely by the sisters of our Sunday schools.

Resolution

Resolved, This Convention advises each Sunday school to appoint one of its members as missionary to visit those in the school bounds that don't attend Sunday school and invite them to attend.

ED SMITH, Committee of Resolution.

So the Good Parents of Heaven have been with us up until the present ending of another year's work for the Master in

our Sunday schools here on earth, hoping we will be pleased in the future more than we ever have been in the past.

This Convention gave vote of thanks to Mt. Olive church for their hospitality.

BRO. W. D. OXENDINE, Chairman.

BRO. ED SMITH, Clerk and Treasurer.

SISTERS' HOME SOCIETY'S STATISTICS

	No. members	Charities	Minute fund	Cash on hand
Reedy Branch	13	\$5.00	\$1.50	\$28.25
Piney Grove	8	6.50	.75	9.50
Mt. Airy	18	.....	.75	3.00

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Males	Females	Total	Baptized	Received by letter	Restored	Died	Excluded	Dis. by letter	Home mission	Minute fund	Pastor's salary	Church value	Education	Charities
Antioch	26	61	87			5		6		\$	\$3.00	\$ 45.00	\$1000	\$	
Reedy Branch	48	172	220	1	1	1	1	10	1	1.50	4.00	100.00	1500	3.70	13.85
Harper's Ferry	18	23	41		2			4	1	2.00	2.00	24.00			
Mt. Moriah	21	40	61	11	1	6		5		.50	1.00	25.00	250		
Magnolia	20	34	54					1		2.00	1.00	30.00	800	1.50	39.57
Mt. Olive	24	47	71	2		1					1.25				
Gray Pond	21	26	47							1.50					
*Pleasant View															
Mt. Zion	25	25	50	2				1		3.25	5.00	45.35	100		3.75
Deep Branch	25	43	68	2	1			1	2	2.75	3.25	30.00	500	2.45	
Bear Swamp	21	65	86	1	4				10	1.50	1.75	35.40	1000	1.50	3.50
Oak Grove	24	33	57	2		5	3	2			2.50	75.00	400		11.15
Piney Grove	21	69	90	11		2	2	3		1.50	2.50	50.00	500	2.50	7.50
Mt. Airy	29	38	67	8	18			1		2.00	2.75	50.00	2000	2.00	8.80

* Not represented.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

SCHOOLS | SUPERINTENDENTS | POST OFFICE

Deep Branch ...	James Sampson	Lumberton, N. C., R. No. 6	Officers and teachers	Scholars	Average attendance	School expenses	Minute fund	Total expense
Reedy Branch ..	L. W. Jacobs	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3	8	30	25	3.42	\$.75	\$ 4.17
Mt. Olive	J. R. Oxending	Lumberton, N. C., R. 2	8	120	80	15.00	1.00	16.00
Bear Swamp ...	E. D. Jacobs	Pembroke, N. C.	5	132	80	32.50	1.00	33.50
Harpers Ferry .	A. C. Jones	Pembroke, N. C.	7	40	31	36.35	1.25	37.60
Antioch	Alvie Carter	St. Paul, N. C., R. 2	7	78	48	.....	.75	.....
Mt. Airy	R. D. Locklear	5	35	20	23.36	1.00	24.36
			4	64	40	3.50	1.00	4.50
			42	499	324	\$114.13	\$6.75	\$120.13
		Total expense						



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Proceedings

OF THE

Thirty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Burnt Swamp Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Oak Grove Church

November 1, 2 and 3, 1917

*The next session of the Association will be held
with Mt. Olive Church, November 1 and 2, 1918.*

Proceedings

OAK GROVE CHURCH

November 1, 1917.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met in its thirty-eighth annual session with Oak Grove Church.

After song and prayer services, Rev. P. P. Locklear preached the introductory sermon from Isaiah 28:16.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Clark.

The Association adjourned for noon.

1 p. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator reading 2nd chapter of Phillippians. Prayer by Bro. A. Chavis.

The roll of churches was called and a majority found present.

Bro. R. C. Cummings and Bro. S. J. Chavis were appointed finance committee. The letters of the different churches were read and received, except the petition letters.

The roll of delegates was called.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting Bros. Bro. W. T. Patrick of Richland association was made welcome to a seat.

On motion Rev. J. J. Bell was re-elected Moderator.

On motion W. D. Oxendine was re-elected clerk and treasurer.

On motion Bro. Stephen Locklear, Bro. Richard Chavis and Bro. James Locklear, committee of arrangement.

On motion Bro. W. D. Oxendine, Bro. Cary Locklear and Bro. R. C. Cummings, committee on program.

The report on Sunday School was presented by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is one of the best organizations we have. It is one among the list of institutions for the training of young folks and preparing them for their vocations in life. It is an institution that we never complete our course of study, one that we can enter in youth and end in age, and still there will be room at the top.

According to the Scriptures we are taught that Christ went into the synagogues on the Sabbath to teach, and when we are

going on Sunday to the sacred places to read and try to understand the scriptures we are imitating our Lord. It is not only a place to prepare young folks for their vocations in life but is also a place to help prepare them as fit servants for our Father's kingdom. 'Tis there they read and learn of the love of Jesus. 'Tis there they learn to love Him, too. In this year may we do more towards building up the Sunday schools than we ever have, and remember, too, when we are building up the Sunday schools we are building Christ's kingdom in the world.

Respectfully submitted by

L. W. JACOBS.

The report on education was presented by Bro. R. C. Cummings.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The object of all training and culture is to prepare man for his existence here and to live hereafter.

If we would preserve our identity as a race we must be educated. We need educated men in the pulpit, and in the school houses. We need them in the fields; and more especially do we need educated mothers in our homes. We note with pleasure the interest that our people have taken in education in the past and hope for still greater in the future. We earnestly solicit parents to spare no means in educating their children.

If you want your son or daughter to take a prominent stand in life and to be an ornament to your family, a blessing to society and an honor to your state educate them.

R. C. CUMMINGS, Com.

The report was discussed by Bro. R. C. Cummings and others and then adopted.

On motion we call off.

Prayer by Rev. J. N. Huggins.

Benediction by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

Friday Morning.

After prayer and praise service conducted by Bro. F. L. Locklear, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. P. P. Locklear.

The roll of delegates was called.

The items of Thursday was read and approved.

The report on Home Missions was presented by Rev. Z. R. Chavis.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Association in this sphere is not only approved by the teaching of the Scripture, but we have the positive command. In carrying out the command of our Lord the apostles preached both at home and abroad.

In Acts 1:8: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." In Luke 24:47 it is provided, "That repentance and remission of sins shall be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Home is the place that ought to be loved, therefore we should make haste to send the Gospel to the people of our homeland.

We urge the rapid move of the missions work, for it is one of the ways that God has of carrying the truth to men, which, when believed, makes them free.

Z. R. CHAVIS, Com.

The report was discussed by Rev. Z. R. Chavis, Rev. P. P. Locklear, Rev. J. C. Clark, Bro. A. Chavis and Bro. Joseph Locklear, and then adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand\$177.83

E. SAMPSON, Treasurer.

On motion A. Chavis, A. A. Chavis, E. Sampson, M. C. Chavis, J. A. Locklear, S. M. Oxendine, A. N. Locklear, L. W. Jacobs and Cary Locklear were appointed executive board.

On motion we call off for noon.

Friday Evening Session.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Clark.

Bro. E. L. Odum, Bro. J. N. Bowen and Bro. D. F. Lowry were made welcome to seats.

The report on ministerial education was presented by W. D. Oxendine.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Education, strictly speaking, covers the whole area of life. It is the word which means all that God ask of us, all we owe the world or ourselves. The affections may grow in beauty and fervor through innumerable ages. Mind may expand and intensify through eternity. Education is a work of progress. It begins in life, but has no end. We learn the elements of things below. Above we will study their essence. We cannot be too careful to have our education proceed in the right direction. It is almost as difficult to make a man unlearn his errors as to acquire his knowledge. Error is more hopeless than ignorance, for error is always the more busy. Ignorance is a blank sheet on which we can write, but error is a scribbled one, from which we must first erase. Ignorance has no light to guide her, but error follows a false one.

Therefore, let us have an educated ministry, the more education the better, but let them first be educated in the word of God.

W. D. OXENDINE, Com.

The report was discussed by W. D. Oxendine, Rev. D. F. Lowry, Bro. E. L. Odum and Rev. P. P. Locklear and then adopted.

W. D. Oxendine, E. Sampson, L. W. Jacobs, W. D. Locklear, S. J. Chavis, M. C. Chavis, Floyd L. Locklear, G. W. Locklear, R. C. Cummings, Matthew Jacobs, Anguish Chavis, R. D. Hunt and T. H. Hammonds was appointed a committee to solicit funds for a Christian training school.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is the command given by our Lord to His apostles. The same command appeals to the church of Christ today.

In many ways God is calling upon this association to make a great advance in mission work.

In looking over the letters and the report of the committee on foreign work I find this association paid \$40.97 for this cause. The Burnt Swamp association should unite with her sister association in the support of the missionaries in foreign fields.

Brethren, let us obey the Lord's command.

L. W. JACOBS, Com.

The report was discussed by L. W. Jacobs, E. L. Odum and W. D. Oxendine and then adopted.

The Foreign Mission committee reported collected \$32.40. Sister Attelier Morgan, committee.

On motion Sister Attelier Morgan, Sister A. R. Chavis and Sister Morilla Chavis were appointed Foreign Mission committee.

On motion the next association was located with Mt. Olive church.

On motion we call off.

Benediction by Rev. J. C. Clark.

Saturday Morning Session.

9:30 a. m. After prayer and praise service conducted by Bro. Jos. Locklear, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Cary Locklear.

The roll of delegates was called. The items of Friday were read and approved.

The report on Prayer meeting was presented by Bro. J. H. Pate.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

In this time of unparalleled stress and trial in our own country and amongst the nations of the earth, with graver perils doubtless just ahead, what can the church do? She can pray. Her first and her most important function, perhaps, is to betake herself to prayer. This is the great weapon of her warfare.

Clothed with the armour of God, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, and shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, and wearing the helmet of salvation, we must be armed also from Heaven, with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word: and "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and thus be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." "Prayer makes the Christian's armour bright," and even—

"Satan trembles when he sees

The weakest saint upon his knees."

How manifest, therefore, the importance of placing special emphasis upon our prayer meetings.

Prayer services well attended, entered into by all the members in all our churches, in earnest—desperate earnestness—with humiliation and confession of the sins of our people and of our nation, like Nehemiah and Ezra of old, who can measure the influence of such an agency upon the destinies of the nation and of the world?

The prayer of faith ascending from the hearts of humble Christians individually, and collectively in the prayer service, is the mighty right arm of the church in advancing the kingdom of righteousness and restraining evil, because prayer is the instrument for moving the omnipotent arm, and securing the intervention of the Lord of Hosts in the time of crisis. In answer to prayer He will speak peace to the troubled waters, by causing nations and their rulers to bow the knee to the King who is seated upon His throne as the Prince of Peace.

Prayer is the secret of our victory in the "good fight of faith."

Let our churches and all our members learn this secret of their power, and remember that when "Restraining prayer, we cease to fight." And remember also that by praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, we may be assured that the arm Omnipotent is with us, and the victory over all enemies is ours, whether enemies in the form of flesh and blood, principalities and powers, or spiritual wickedness in high places.

Will our churches heed the call to "Pray without ceasing", "watching thereunto with all perseverance"?

Respectfully submitted by

J. H. PATE.

The report was discussed by Bro. J. H. Pate and others and then adopted.

On motion that the ministerial education fund be placed in the Home Mission treasure.

Saturday Evening Session.

The report on periodicals was presented by Bro. A. Chavis.

RELIGIOUS MAGAZINES.

The "Biblical Recorder," "Foreign Mission Journal," "Home Field and Royal Service," are channels through which missionary information is conveyed to the people. Information must precede interest and interest must precede activity.

The active prosecution of the various objects of our denominational work can only come from an intelligent knowledge of the nature and needs of these objects. To furnish this information and beget this interest is the work of our denominational papers; only reading people are growing and progressing.

Reading is to the mind and soul what eating is to the body, so if we would have our people thoroughly missionary indeed and in truth they ought to take and read our Missionary Magazines. The Biblical Recorder is published in Raleigh, N. C., price \$2.00 per year. The Biblical Recorder is just as necessary to the efficiency of a North Carolina Baptist as the spy glass is to a German Commander. It keeps the people posted on lines of progress, and points out the dangers that threaten denominational life and progress, hence it truly deserves and justly claims a place by the fireside of every Baptist home in North Carolina.

1st. Because it is strictly religious.

2nd. Because it is thoroughly Biblical, sound in doctrine and loyal to all the interest of the Baptist denomination.

3rd. Because it is our organ, owned and controlled by our own denomination and given to the people at cost.

4th. Because if we don't furnish good literature for our own children they will often be supplied with such as will lead them astray and prove detrimental to their best interest. We sin against ourselves and children when we are able to give them wholesome literature and fail to do so.

The Home Field is published in Atlanta, Georgia, by the Home Mission Board which is full of information about the Home Mission work.

The Foreign Mission Journal is published in Richmond, Virginia, by the Foreign Mission Board, this gives information concerning the work of Foreign Missions on the various fields done by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Royal Service, is the efficient organ of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, published monthly in Baltimore, Maryland, subscription thirty-five cents per year. In Royal Service we have a program each month for the following societies: Woman's Missionary Society, Sunbeam band, Royal Ambassadors, Young Woman's Auxiliary and Girls Auxiliary, giving us valuable information as to how to carry on the work of the different societies systematically and good many other things we should know in order to carry on our Missionary work throughout the Southland.

A wider circulatin of the different Magazines help to equip us for more definite service.

There are many ways by which we can bring about a larger circulation among our Indian people. We should use the programs laid down in Royal Service in our Woman's Missionary Society, and children societies, assign each member something to do at some time so they will see the need of a Magazine of their own. Get interested our own selves, then we can interest others.

A. CHAVIS, Com.

The report was discussed by Bro. A. Chavis and others and then adopted.

The Finance committee reported received for minute funds	\$40.95
Foreign Missions	32.40

Total	\$73.35
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REPORT OF THE STANDING BOARD.

We have ordained Bro. T. H. Hammonds for the ministry.

REV. W. S. HUNT,
Secretary of Board.

On motion Rev. J. J. Bell, Rev. P. P. Locklear and Rev. W. G. Hunt were elected Standing Board.

On motion the collection be given to Oak Grove church. Rev. J. J. Bell and Rev. W. G. Hunt were appointed messengers to the Richland association.

PROGRAM.

Friday.

11:00 o'clock—Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt.
 1:00 o'clock—Organization.
 1:30 p. m.—Report on Sunday school by J. H. Pate.
 2:00 p. m.—Report on ministerial education by L. W. Jacobs.
 2:30 p. m.—Report on Foreign Missions by J. C. Clark.

Saturday.

9:30 a. m.—Praise service, by James Sampson.
 10:00 a. m.—Report on prayer meeting by G. W. Locklear.
 11:00 a. m.—Report on Home Missions by A. Chavis.
 1:30 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.

On motion a vote of thanks of this association be extended to the citizens of the Oak Grove community for the kind hospitality to the delegates during this session.

After song and prayer this association adjourned to meet with the Mt. Olive church.

REV. J. J. BELL, Moderator.

W. D. OXENDINE, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. S. Lowrey	Raynham, N. C., R. 1
W. J. Sampson,	Lumberton, N. C., R. 6
J. J. Bell,	Lumberton, N. C., R. 1
S. J. Chavis	St. Pauls, N. C., R. 1
J. E. Hunt	McDonalds, N. C.
J. C. Clark	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3
W. G. Hunt	Lumberton, N. C., R. 6
Z. B. Brooks	Raynham, N. C., R. 1
Z. R. Chavis	Pembroke, N. C., R. 1
P. P. Locklear	Buie, N. C., R. 1
E. F. Wariax	Buie, N. C., R. 2
Wm. Hammonds	Lumberton, R. 1
T. H. Hammonds	Lumberton, N. C., R. 1
A. T. Taylor	Fairmont, N. C.
L. W. Jacobs	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3
J. W. Huggins.	

LICENTIATES.

Geo. Chavis	Lumberton, N. C., R. 6
A. B. Hardin	Lumberton, N. C., R. 1
R. H. Carter	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3
W. A. Bell	Claxton, Ga.
R. S. Goins.	
Ed. Smith	St. Pauls, N. C., R. 1
Bias Jacobs	Pates, N. C.
C. A. Locklear	Hasty, N. C.
Gussie Bowen	Laurinburg, N. C.

DELEGATES' NAMES.

Ed. Smith
 S. J. Chavis
 Clide Kerns
 A. L. Hunt
 Evander Hunt
 L. W. Jacobs
 Joseph Locklear
 F. L. Locklear
 Elie Chavis
 Jno. Jacobs
 Jno. Chavis
 Anguish Chavis
 J. A. Santee
 L. H. Chavis
 Tommie Deal
 R. C. Cummings
 I. D. Mannell
 A. Chavis
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 David L. Locklear
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12 o'clock noon.

1 p. m. Called to order by the chairman, reading 5th chapter of 1st Peter. Song No. 40 was sung by the choir. Prayer by Bro. R. D. Locklear.

Roll of Sunday schools were called and a majority were present.

Mrs. A. T. Morgan and Mr. S. H. Wilkins were appointed finance committee.

The letters from the different schools were called for and read and on motion were received except the petition letters.

At this time the election of officers was taken up and on motion Bro. W. D. Oxendine was re-elected chairman and L. W. Jacobs was elected secretary. Mr. E. G. Smith and Mr. G. W. Locklear were appointed programme committee.

On motion the location of the next convention was taken up and was located with Mt. Airy church Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1918.

On motion the programme be called for.

1st Query: The duty of pastors in Sunday school were handsomely discussed by Bro. W. D. Oxendine, L. W. Jacobs and J. A. Locklear.

2nd Query: Should the Sunday school be for the children or for parents and children, were handsomely discussed by J. A. Locklear, Mrs. A. T. Morgan and L. W. Jacobs. The Sunday school missionary and colporter, made his report and all schools seemed to be moving on nicely and well supplied with literature.

The programme committee made their report and was received and committee discharged. The finance committee also made their report and was received.

On motion Bros. T. C. Cummings and G. W. Locklear were appointed missionaries and colporters for 1918 throughout the boundaries of the Sunday schools.

Statistics

REEDY BRANCH, Number of scholars, male . . . 76
 Females . . . 104—180
 Average attendance . . . 110
 Officers and teachers . . . 9
 We have raised \$20.60 in our School. Paid for
 Books and Periodicals \$14.40. For Charitable
 purposes \$6.00. Sent to this meeting \$1.00.

ENGLISH JACOBS, Supt.
 Lumberton, N. C., Route No. 3.

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 dance 20, officers and teachers 5, minute fund \$2.00, school
 expenses \$2.00.

A. CARTER, Superintendent.
 St. Pauls, N. C., R. F. D.

MT. AIRY, Number enroll 62, Average 42, teachers and officers 6, min-
 ute fund \$1.50.

R. D. LOCKLEAR, Supt.
 Buie, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

BEAR SWAMP, Number enroll 23, average attendance 16, officers and
 teachers 5, minute fund \$1.00, school expense \$5.48.

E. D. JACOBS, Superintendent.
 Pembroke, N. C., Route 1.

DEEP BRANCH, Number males 22, female 21, total 43, average 34, ex-
 penses \$4.00.

H. T. SAMPSON, Superintendent.
 Lumberton, N. C., Route 6.

DELEGATES NAMES

English Jacobs,	S. P. Hunt,
Elizabeth Hunt,	A. Carter,
E. G. Smith,	W. D. Carter,
R. D. Locklear,	S. H. Wilkins,
Farrell Locklear,	Mathew Jacobs,
Lula J. Chavis,	E. D. Jacobs,
J. C. Clark,	Oliver Sampson,
	Anliza Sampson.

On motion a resolution of thanks be extended to Reedy
 Branch Church and her community for her kindness and hos-
 pitality.

On motion we stand adjourned until Saturday, before the
 4th Sunday in September 1918.

W. D. OXENDINE,
 Chairman.

L. W. JACOBS,
 Secretary.

Minutes of the Home Christian Society.

Piney Grove Church, September 8, 1917.

The society met in its Seventh Annual Session September 8th, 1917, with Piney Grove church. 11:30 a. m. the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Sampson. Text Exodus 14.1. At 12:00 one hour intermission was given. 1:00 p. m. the Society was called to order by the President reading 13th chapter 1st. Corinthians. Prayer by Sister Betsy Hunt. The letter was read and received. The delegates names were called.

On motion Sister A. T. Morgan was re-elected President.

On motion Sister Elizabeth Hunt was re-elected Secretary.

Sisters A. R. Chavis, Malinda Oxendine and Mary A. Oxendine were appointed program committee. The program was taken up. First topic: Is it more merrier to be in the works of the Lord than in the service of the world? discussed by Sister A. T. Morgan and others. Second topic: Why do we not have the co-operation of the Brothers? discussed by Sister Lillie J. Hunt and others.

The Missionary reported the organizing of two societies. Mt. Airy and Antioch.

On motion Sister Malinda Oxendine was re-elected Missionary.

On motion the next annual meeting was located with Antioch Church, Sept. 7, 1918.

PROGRAM

11:30 a. m. Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

1:00 p. m. General business.

2:00 p. m. Topic: The aim of this Society by A. R. Chavis.

2:30 p. m. What will promote more love in the Society? by A. T. Morgan.

3:00 p. m. Why are we baptist? by Annaliza Oxendine.

DELEGATES NAMES

Anna Clark, Rutha Locklear, Malinda Ovendine, A. R. Chavis, Elizabeth Hunt, Charity L. Hardin, Lizzie Locklear, Elizabeth Hunt, Mary A. Oxendine, Eller J. Jacobs and Mollie Locklear.

STATISTICS

	No. Members	For Charity	On Hand
Reedy Branch-----	13	\$.60	\$32.35
Piney Grove-----	18	2.00	11.10
Mt. Airy-----	15	2.00	6.00
Antioch-----	13		

On motion a vote of thanks was extended Piney Grove Church.

On motion we adjourn. Hymn Nearer my God to Thee was sung.

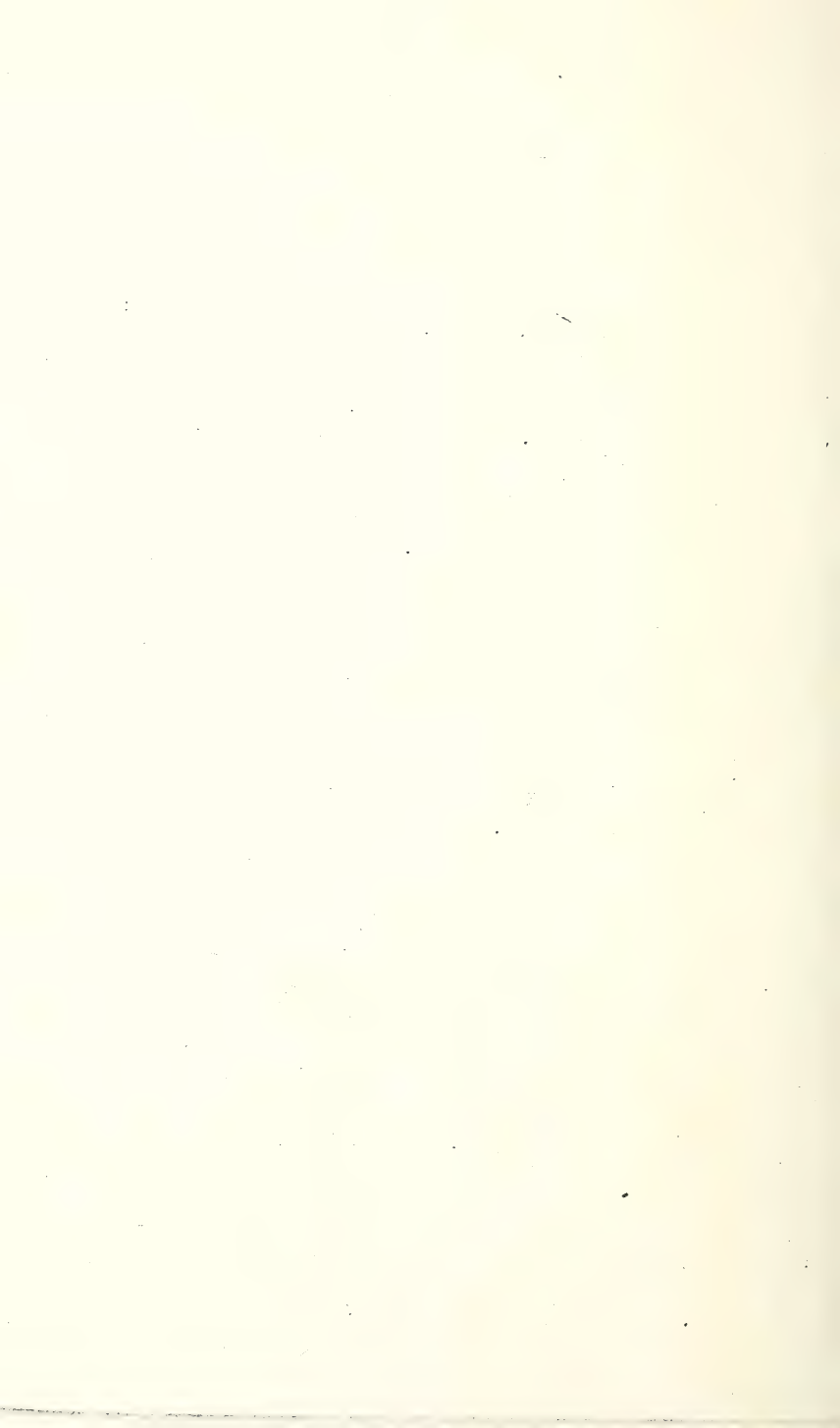
Benediction by Rev. W. J. Sampson.

A. T. MORGAN,
President.

ELIZABETH HUNT,
Secretary.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES		Males	Females	Total	Baptized	Received by letter	Restored	Died	Excluded	Dis. by letter	Home Mission	Minute fund	Pastor's salary	Church value	Education	Charities	Foreign Mission
Antioch	35	67	102	8	14	4	14	3	4	7	\$8 00	\$5 00	\$40 00	\$800	\$2 50	\$13 00	\$2 50
Reedy Branch	67	185	252	29	14	4	14	3	4	1	3 50	\$5 00	---	3 000	2 50	67 40	6 25
Harper's Ferry	15	22	37	---	---	---	---	2	1	3	---	2 00	24 00	500	---	---	---
Mt. Moriah	23	43	66	4	1	1	1	1	---	---	---	1 50	---	750	---	---	---
Magnolia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mt. Olive	24	49	73	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	3 60	---	800	---	85 60	---
Gray Pond	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2 50	---	---	---	---	---
Pleasant View	19	32	51	9	6	6	6	1	12	---	---	2 00	61 00	550	---	15 00	5 25
Mt. Zion	20	24	44	---	---	---	---	3	2	3	3 25	5 00	29 75	---	---	---	---
Deep Branch	22	44	66	---	1	1	1	2	2	2	2 00	3 90	40 70	---	---	15 55	9 00
Bear Swamp	23	64	87	3	1	1	1	2	---	---	1 50	2 00	37 50	1 100	1 00	6 40	---
Oak Grove	23	31	54	1	3	3	3	1	1	---	---	3 25	---	400	---	15 45	---
Piney Grove	19	68	87	4	1	1	1	1	4	---	1 00	---	75 00	700	3 00	---	8 25
Mt. Airy	28	39	67	---	2	2	2	---	---	1	2 00	3 00	51 00	25 000	2 00	47 00	6 15



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Thirty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Burnt Swamp Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Mt. Olive Church

Dec. 6, 7, 1918

The next session of the Association will be held with Antioch Church
October 31 and November 1, 1919.

PROCEEDINGS

Dec. 6, 1918.—The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met in its thirty-ninth annual session with Mt. Olive Church.

After song and prayer services, Rev. J. C. Clark preached the introductory sermon from Heb. 2:12.

Prayer by Rev. A. T. Taylor.

The Association adjourned for noon. 1 p. m., the Association was called to order by the Moderator, reading 15th chapter of St. John.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Pate.

The roll of churches was called and a majority found present.

Bro. Fuller Locklear and Bro. S. H. Wilkins were appointed finance committee. The letters of the different churches were read and received, except the petition letters.

The roll of delegates was called.

The moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting brethren and newly constituted churches.

On motion, Rev. J. J. Bell was re-elected moderator.

On motion, W. D. Oxendine was re-elected clerk.

On motion, Fuller Locklear was elected treasurer.

On motion, Bros. J. R. Oxendine, J. H. Pate and J. J. Oxendine were appointed committee on program.

The report on Sunday School was presented by Bro. J. H. Pate, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Your committee living in the outskirts of the territory covered by the Association, has been so isolated from the body of the churches, that it has not been practicable to obtain statistics and other data upon which to base any adequate report of our Sunday School work for the past year.

We have no doubt however, that the work in this department has been carried on faithfully and efficiently, perhaps as successfully as at any period of our history, save for the draw backs incident to war-time conditions and a temporary interruption of the work due to the prevalence of influenza for a larger part of the past quarter.

Your committee feels assured that our field workers, our Sunday School officers and teachers have all faithfully discharged the duties assigned them, and that there has been corresponding growth and development in our Sunday schools.

We regret that definite statistics are not in our hands, and we would recommend that the committee appointed to report upon the work of our Sunday Schools for the coming year be provided in some way with the necessary information from the churches in time for the preparation of such report by the committee. Indeed your chairman would suggest that, if such is not already our custom, we hereafter have from all the individual churches a concise report to each annual Association upon their Sunday School work for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PATE.

The report was discussed by Bros. J. H. Pate, O. H. E. Lowery and Rev. J. W. Huggins and then adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. J. C. Clark, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is the command given by our Lord to His apostles over nineteen hundred years ago. The same command appeals to the church of Christ to-day to send this glorious gospel to every nook and corner inhabited by human beings. The spirit of missions is the very genius of Christianity. It speaks in every command and thrills in every emotion to convert the world to Christ.

Love to God and man, the inspiring motive of the church of Christ, impels her to make incessant war upon the powers of sin and darkness. Unity is the desire of every Christian. The means of effecting this, to a great degree, is found in the spirit of missions, which every Christian should possess. The Burnt Swamp Association should do more for foreign missions than we ever have done.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLARK.

The report was discussed by Rev. J. C. Clark and others, and then adopted.

A collection was taken for foreign missions amounting to \$10.25.

Resolved, that each church appoint a committee to collect money for foreign missions.

On motion, we call off.

Benediction by the moderator.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

9.30. Prayer and praise services was conducted by Rev. J. C. Clark.

10.00 The Moderator called the Association to order by reading the 6th chapter of Romans.

Pryer by Bro. A. S. Locklear.

The report on prayer meeting was read by Bro. G. W. Locklear.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

In all ages of the world, prayer has always been the constant need of the followers of God. And at this period, the church needs to pray. Because without prayer our life is a failure to ourselves and those whom we come in contact with.

We have many examaples that we can refer to in the Bible of men who prayed and they always found favor with God and man. Prayer service well attended by all the members of our churches, would make livelier churches, and we would have more influence over those who do not go. Therefore, be it resolved, that a weekly Prayer Meeting be organized at every church. And that all the members be urged to attend. In the Prayer Meeting is one great way of letting our light shine. So lets pray more and by so doing, we will keep close to God.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

The report on ministerial education was read by the clerk, which is as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We, as an Association, have neglected this one important great object. We need educated ministers, and to obtain them, it will require of us to make a sacrifice of some of our means to help some one to get an education. As we have had an offer of a donation of land to erect a building for a christian training school, we would urge this Association to make an effort to build such an institution and to devise some means whereby same can be maintained. We need the training and to attain to some of the rounds of the ladder of fame we as an Association must put forth an effort of effectualness.

To overcome some of the hinderances that impede our progress we must have this training. We would urge the ministry of this Association to work for the success of this institution, that our posterity would reap the reward of our labor, and that our Association and church would wield the power we have so often prayed for.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. WILKINS.

Remarks were made of the subject by Bro. A. N. Locklear and E. L. Odum, and then adopted,

On motion, W. D. Oxendine, L. W. Jacobs, W. D. Locklear, S. J. Chavis, J. H. Pate, M. C. Chavis, Floyd L. Locklear, R. D. Hunt, G. W. Locklear, R. C. Cummings, Matthew Jacobs, and Anguish Chavis, were appointed a committee to collect ministerial educational funds.

The standing board reported that Magnolia had been disbanded. And on motion, the report was received and the church was dropped from the roll.

On motion, the ordination of Rev. L. W. Jacobs was received.

On motion, Rev. J. J. Bell, Rev. P. P. Locklear and Rev. W. G. Hunt was re-elected Standing Board.

The next Association was located with Antioch Church.

On motion, it was ordered that the Home Mission Funds, may be used for Ministerial education, when needed.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Received for Minute Fund	\$44.50
Foreign Mission	11.65

Fuller Locklear,
S. H. Wilkins,
Committee.

On motion, the collection of Sunday be given to Bro. John Chavis and Rufus Locklear.

On motion, Rev. A. T. Taylor preach Sunday.

PROGRAM—Friday.

- 11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. J. C. Clark.
- 1:00 p. m. Organization.
- 1.30 p. m. Report on Sunday School, by Rev. P. P. Locklear.
- 2.00 p. m. Report on Ministerial Education by Rev. A. T. Taylor.
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SATURDAY.

- 9.30 a. m. Praise services by Bro. A. Chavis.
- 10.00 a. m. Report on Prayer Meeting by Bro. W. D. Oxendine.
- 11.00 a. m. Report on Home Mission by Bro. A. N. Locklear.
- 1.00 p. m. Report on Periodicals by Bro. M. C. Chavis.
- 2.00 p. m. Miscellaneous business.

On motion, a vote of thanks of this association be extended to the citizens of Mt. Olive community for the kind hospitality to the delegates during this session.

On motion, we adjourn to meet with Antioch Church, Oct. 31, 1919.

Song, "More Like Jesus" was sung. Prayer was offered by Bro. E. L. Odum. Benediction by Rev. P. P. Locklear.

REV. J. J. BELL,
Moderator.

W. D. OXENDINE,
Clerk.



ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. S. Lowrey	Daisy, Ga.
W. J. Sampson	Lumberton, N. C.
J. J. Bell	Lumberton, N. C., R. 1.
S. J. Chavis	St. Pauls, N. C.
J. E. Hunt	McDonalds, N. C.
J. C. Clark	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3
W. G. Hunt	Lumberton, N. C.
L. W. Jacobs	Fairmont, N. C.
Z. R. Brooks	Raynham, N. C.
Z. R. Chavis	
P. P. Locklear	Buie, N. C.
E. F. Nariax	Buie, N. C.
Wm. Hammonds	Lumberton, N. C.
A. T. Taylor	Fairmont, N. C.
J. W. Huggins	

LICENTIATES.

Geo. Chavis	Lumberton, N. C., R. 6
R. H. Carter	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3
W. A. Bell	Claxton, Ga.
R. S. Goins	Pates, N. C.
Ed. Smith	Pates, N. C.
Bias Jacobs	Pates, N. C.
C. A. Locklear	Hasty, N. C.
Gussie Bowen	Laurelburg, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOME CHRISTIAN SOCIETY.

The Society met in its eighth annual session September 7th 1918, with Antioch. 11.30 a.m. After praise services the Society was called to order by the president and reading a scripture lesson.

On motion, the letter was called for and read. The delegates names were called.

On motion, sister A. T. Morgan was re-elected President and sister Neil Smith, Vice-President.

On motion, sister Elizabeth Hunt was re-elected Secretary. The report of the Missionary was received.

On motion, Sister Malinda Oxendine and Sister Mary C. Smith was appointed Missionaries.

Sisters Minnie Carter, Mary Chavis and Annah Clark were appointed program committee.

The first topic, "The Aim of This Society" was discussed by Sister Mary C. Smith and Rev. J. C. Clark.

The second topic, "What will Promote More Love in the Society," was discussed by sister A. T. Morgan, Bro. Ed. Smith and Sister Minnie Carter.

The third topic, "Why are We Baptist?" was discussed by Rev. J. C. Clark and Bro. Ed. Smith.

On motion, the next annual meeting was located with Reedy Branch Church.

PROGRAM

- 11.00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. J. C. Clark.
- 1.00 p. m. General business.
- 2.00 p. m. Topic, "Why do we not Have the Co-operation of the Brothers," led by Sister Nellie Smith.
- 2.30 p. m. What is Our Duty to the Society? led by Sister A. T. Morgan.
- 3.00 p. m. Why are there so Many Denominations? led by Sister Minnie E. Carter.



On motion, a vote of thanks was extended Antioch Church.

On motion, we adjourn to meet with Reedy Branch Church, September 6, 1919.

We solicit all the Christian Sisters of this Association to join in with us for the uplift of our society. The aim of this Society as discussed, is to help the sick, the needy and to do all Christian work.

After singing "God be with yo 'till we meet again" the benediction was pronounced by Rev. S. J. Chavis.

A. T. MORGAN,

President.

ELIZABETH HUNT,

Secretary.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The tenth annual session of the Burnt Swamp Sunday School Convention was held with Mt. Airy Church September 21, 1918.

The introductory sermon was preached by By Ed. Smith. 1:00 p. m., the convention was called to order by the Chairman.

Roll of Sunday Schools were called. The letters from the different Schools were read and received except the petition letters.

On motion, Bro. W. D. Oxendine was again re-elected chairman.

On motion, Bro. S. H. Wilkins was elected Secretary.

On motion, Bro. S. B. Locklear was elected Colporter.

On motion, Sister Annaliza Oxendine was elected Treasurer.

On motion, Bro. Ed. Smith and Sister I. T. Morgan were elected program Committee.

On motion, the next Convention was located with Antioch Church, to meet September 27th, 1919.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT CONVENTION.

11.00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

1.00 p. m.—General Business.

1.30 p. m.—Query: "The duties and qualifications of officers and teachers." Led by Bro. T. C. Cummings.

2.00 p. m.—Query: "What is the duty of a Pastor to the School and Convention?" Led by Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

ED. SMITH,
A. T. MORGAN,
Committee.

The Finance Committee report for minute funds \$4.70
 SISTER BESSIE LOCKLEAR,
 Committee.

The following Delegates were appointed :

English Jacobs, Alvie Carter, J. R. Oxendine, S. P. Hunt, Mary E. Smith, Florida Wariax, A. T. Morgan, Minnie Carter, Bessie Locklear, Boss Locklear, T. C. Cummings and A. L. Oxendine.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	Superintendents	No. Officers & Teachers	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Contri'tion
Reedy Branch	E. J. Jacobs.	10	129		\$49.08
Antioch		6	47	25	5.72
Mt. Olive	F. L. Locklear	8	119	75	20 27
Mt. Airy	R. D. Lecklear.	6	70	51	19.00

Resolved, that the thanks of this convention be extended to the citizens of Mt. Airy community for the kind hospitality extended to the delegates during this session of the convention.

After the congregation had been led in prayer, the Convention adjourned to meet with Antioch Church Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919.

S. H. WILKINS,
 Secretary.

W. D. OXENDINE,
 Chairman.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Fortieth Annual Session

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with Antioch Church

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1919.

The next session will be held with Deep Branch

Church Oct. 30th.-31st, 1920

OFFICERS:

Moderator—Rev. J. J. Bell___Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2
 Clerk and Treasurer,—Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Fairmont, N. C. R.3

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

S. S. Lowry_____	Daisy, Ga.
*W. J. Sampson_____	Lumberton, N. C., R. 6
*J. J. Bell_____	Lumberton, N. C., R, 1
S. J. Chavis_____	St. Paul, N. C.
*J. E. Hunt_____	Fairmont, N. C.,R. 3
J. C. Clark_____	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3
W. G. Hunt_____	Lumberton, N. C., R. 2
*L. W. Jacobs_____	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3
Z. R. Brooks_____	Raynham, N. C., R. 1
*Z. R. Chavis_____	Pembroke, N. C., R. 1
*P. P. Locklear_____	Buie, N. C., R. 1
E. F. Wariox_____	Buie, N. C., R. 1
W. M. Hammod_____	Lumberton, N. C.
*A. T. Taylor_____	Lumberton, N. C.
J. W. Huggins_____	Lumberton, N. C. R. 3
*Andrew Bell_____	Claxton, Ga.
*Clarence Locklear_____	Buie, N. C.

Reported pastors in this Association Marked thus *

LICENTIATES:

Geo. Chavis_____	Raynham, N. C., R. 1
R. H. Carter_____	Fairomnt, N. C.
R. S. Goins_____	Claxton. Ga.
E. D. Smith_____	
Bias Jacobs_____	Pates, N. C.

ROLL OF DELEGATES:

Antioch—A. B. Chavis. J. W. Hammond and G. W. Chavis.
 Reedy Branch—Neil Jacobs, J. H. Jacobs and H. H. Freeman.
 Mt. Moriah—Joseph Locklear, Walter Owen and Edmon Jacobs
 Harpers Ferry—A. N. Locklear, M. C. Chavis and Peter Dial.
 Mt. Olive—W. M. Revels, W. J. Harden and H. H. Hammond.
 Gray Pond—Harrison Chavis, John Jacobs and Anguish Chavis
 Mt. Zion—W. A. Bell and Jasper Locklear.
 Deep Branch—A. Chavis, J. C. Clark and J. W. Oxendine.
 Bear Swamp—Joe Oxendine, James Oxendine, and S. J. Chavis.
 Oak Grove—Lynard Clark, Martin Locklear and D. D. Locklear
 Piney Grove—S. M. Oxendine, Ander Hunt and J. F. Hunt.
 Mt. Airy—W. D. Oxendine, Clarence Locklear, Martin Wilkins
 Bethel Hill—A. R. Chavis, T. H. Hammond and S. U. Emanuel.

PROCEEDINGS

St. Pauls, N. C. Oct. 31, 1919

The 40th annual session of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, met with the Antioch Baptist Church Friday Oct. 31, 10, a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Clark; text Psalms 107:7, "And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation."

Prayer by Rev. P. P. Locklear.—Song Children of the Heavenly King.

12:00, noon, recess.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

1:00, p. m. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The 2nd chapter of 1st John was read. Hymn No. 637 was sung and prayer was offered by Rev. Clarence Locklear.

The roll of churches was called and a majority were present.

On motion, the Association proceeded with the organization. By unanimous vote, Rev. J. J. Bell was re-elected Moderator and L. W. Jacobs Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, Bros. Clarence Locklear and E. G. Smith were appointed finance committees. Letters from different churches were read and received except the petition letters. The Moderator declared the Association in order for business and extended an invitation to newly constituted churches.

The application of Bethel Hill church for membership in the Association was presented. The petition was investigated and then received. The right hand of welcome was given to the delegates by the Moderator, and their names enrolled.

Prof. T. C. Henderson of the Transylvania Association was made welcome.

On motion, the delegates and pastor of Antioch church were appointed committee of arrangement.

On motion, the location of the next Association was taken up. Then came in petitions from Reedy Branch, Piney Grove and Mt. Moriah churches. After considering all of the petitions, the next association was located with Deep Branch Church, beginning Friday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1920.

On motion, Bros. T. C. Henderson, H. T. Sampson and Fuller Locklear were appointed program committee.

On motion, the program was taken up and reports read and discussed.

Report on Sunday School was presented by Rev. P. P. Locklear.

REPORT:

Sunday School is the church at work. Wherever you find a lively Sunday School conducted by the leaders of the church, you find a church progressing. My education is Sunday School education. There is no place greater than the Sunday School to raise our children. Raise your children in the way you would have them to go, and when they get old they will not depart from it.

Sunday School instituted not for a mental education, but for religious training. The greatest men of to-day are Sunday School students. I recommend every church in the Association to spend more time, to study the work in Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted by

Rev. P. P. Locklear
Committee.

The report was discussed by Rev. P. P. Locklear and Prof. Henderson, and then adopted.

Rev. C. H. Durham of Robeson Baptist Association, was made welcome in the Association.

The report on ministerial education was presented by Rev. A. T. Taylor.

REPORT:

The new awakening Spirit of our people to the importance of ministerial education is growing. A demand for better educated ministers and we as Baptists should put forth every effort to meet the demands of our people. Though we are destitute of a Ministerial School, yet there are institutions where our ministers can obtain a ministerial education. As the future progress of this Association depends on educated ministers, we should not turn our deaf ear towards this needy call, but should put forth every effort to establish a Christian training school in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. T. Taylor.

The report was discussed by Rev. Taylor, W. D. Oxendine and Rev. C. H. Durham and then adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning, 9:30.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

9:30—Prayer meetin gwas conducted by Rev. J. C. Clark.

10:00—The 23rd Psalm was read—Hymn No. 335 was sung—Prayer offered by Rev. E. F. Warwix. The Moderator declared the Association open ready for business.

Delegates names were called, proceedings of Friday's work was read and received.

The Moderator extended an invitation to newly constituted churches and visiting brethren. Harpers Ferry church was recognized in the Association and delegates names enrolled.

An amendment to the 2nd and 4th Art. in the Constitution was presented by A. B. Chavis, received and adopted.

Report on Prayer Meeting was presented by Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

REPORT:

Many blessings are promised us on the condition of our asking for them; thus making prayer an important privilege as well as a duty. Such promises, "Ask and it shall be given unto you," and such statements as "Ye receive not because you ask not", show the importance of prayer to our human soul.

Prayer is asking God for things we want and which we assume he wishes us to have. We ought never to pray for what we are not willing to receive on God's terms. We do not expect in our prayer meetings to inform God as to our needs. Our Father knoweth what things we are in need of before we ask Him. Yet it is sometimes proper to express our needs, so man, not of God, that prayer is required. It is not that God as to feel them more sensibly ourselves. It is for the sake of man, not of God, that prayer is required. It is not that God may be rendered more gracious, but that man may be made better, that he may be confirmed in a proper sense of his dependent state, and acquire those pious and virtuous disposition of which his highest improvement consist.

The importance of prayer meeting in its effects on those who takes part in it, is very great and almost wholly beneficially. Were there no other results, it would be a great privilege and an important duty. A good man's prayer will from the deepest dungeon climb, heaven's height and bring a blessing down. Our prayers and God's mercy are like two buckets in a well—while one ascends the other descends. Se we see it needful for each church to have a prayer meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Oxendine.

The report was discussed by W. D. Oxendine, Rev. S. J. Chavis, Rev. A. T. Taylor and Rev. E. F. Warriax and then adopted.

Report on foreign mission was presented by Rev. S. J. Chavis.

REPORT:

Just before Christ left the earth to return to his Father in Heaven, he said to his disciples, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." From this commission we see that it is the duty of every follower of Christ to do what he can to help carry the Gospel of Christ to all people in every part of the earth.

We as members of the Burnt Swamp Association should urge the carrying out of this command.

We should not only pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest, but should also pray him to open our hearts and help us to prove ourselves real stewards in his work.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. Chavis.

Prof. T. C. Henderson was asked to make a talk on this report. Prof. Henderson responded and delivered a soul-stirring speech on this most important subject, and it was then adopted. At this time a collection was taken up for Foreign Mission and received \$26.00, and \$5.90 for Home Mission.

12:00 noon.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

1:00—Song No. 421 was sung.—The Moderator declared the Association in order for business.

On motion, Bros. W. D. Oxendine, A. N. Locklear and P. P. Locklear, were appointed Corresponding Committee with Rev. C. H. Durham and Prof. T. C. Henderson in regards to the school.

On motion, the treasurer made his report as follows:

Received may 17th for Ministerial education	\$ 45.50
For Home Mission	216.17
From F. L. Locklear for education	188.30
From J. B. Oxendine	21.00

Total amount, \$570.97

E. Sampson,

Treasurer of the Ministerial
Educational Board.

On motion, Bro. F. L. Locklear was elected Treasurer of the Ministerial Education Board.

On motion, the money and book be turned over to the Treasurer.

On motion, that the money on hand in the Home Mission Board be paid over to the treasurer of the Ministerial Board.

On motion, Bros. A. N. Locklear, Clarence Locklear, and L. W. Jacobs were appointed Committees to solicit funds for Ministerial education.

The Finance Committee made their report as follows:

Received for Education_	-----	\$207.45
For Minute Fund	-----	50.30

Total,	-----	\$257.75
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Clarence Locklear and E. G. Smith.

Committee.

On motion, the report was received

The Program Committee made their report, as follows:

Your Committee on Programme for next year recommends the following:

FRIDAY

11:00, a. m.—Annual Sermon by L. W. Jacobs; Alternate, Rev. P. P. Locklear.

1:30, p. m.—Organization.

2:00, p. m.—Sunday Schools—Rev. Clarence Locklear.

2:30, p. m.—State Mission—Rev. E. F. Warriax.

3:00 p. m.—Foreign Mission—Rev. W. G. Hunt.

SATURDAY.

9:30, a. m.—Prayer and Praise Service—Bro. A. Chavis.

10:00, a. m.—Christian Education—Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

10:15, a. m.—Home Mission—Rev. J. C. Clark.

11:30, a. m.—Periodicals—Bro. A. N. Locklear.

1:30, p. m.—Prayer Meeting—Rev. A. T. Taylor.

2:00, p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.

Respectfully submitted,

Fuller Locklear,

Henry T. Sampson.

T. O. Henderson.

J. S. H. Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, the Association paid the Clerk \$15.00 for his service.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of Minutes printed.

On motion, the report on periodicals was received after being discussed by A. N. Locklear and T. C. Henderson, and recommended the Biblical Recorder for all Baptists in the Association.

On motion, Bros. J. J. Bell, J. C. Clark, and P. P. Locklear were appointed as a Presbyter to ordain Bro. W. A. Bell, Sunday.

On motion, that the collection tomorrow be given to J. H. Smith.

On motion, a vote of thanks be given to Antioch Church and community for their kindness and hospitality towards the Association.

On motion, the Association stand adjourn to meet with Deep Branch Church Friday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1920.

Song: "Jesus My All," was sung and prayer was offered by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

REV. L. W. CLARK,
Secretary.

REV. J. J. BELL,
Moderator.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	TIME OF PREACHING
Antioch-----	J. J. Bell-----	4th Sunday
Reedy Branch----	J. E. Hunt-----	1st and 3rd Sundays
Mt. Moriah-----	P. P. Locklear-----	3rd. Sunday
Harpers Ferry----	Z. R. Chavis-----	3rd Sunday
Mt. Ollive-----	A. T. Taylor-----	2nd. Sunday
Gray Pond-----	P. P. Locklear-----	3rd Sunday
Pleasant View----	J. W. Sampson-----	4th Sunday
Mt. Zion-----	W. A. Bell-----	2nd Sunday
Deep Branch ----	H. E. Coleman-----	4th Sunday
Bear Swamp-----	L. W. Jacobs-----	1st Sunday
Oak Grove-----	J. J. Bell-----	1st Sunday--
Piney Grove ----	C. E. Locklear-----	2nd Sunday
Mt. Airy-----	L. W. Jacobs-----	2nd and 4th Sunday
Bethel Hill-----	A. T. Taylor-----	
St. Peter-----	Z. R. Chavis-----	

The eleventh Annual Session of the Burnt Swamp Sunday School Convention was held with Antioch Church Sept 26, 1919.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Bell, text: 1st Peter 4:16.

1:00 o'clock the convention was called to order by the Chairman reading the 8th chapter of Amos. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Hammonds

The roll of schools were called.

On motion, Bro. S. B. Locklear and Sister Elizabeth Hunt were appointed Finance Committee.

On motion, the letters were read and received and delegates names called.

On motion, W. D. Oxendine was elected Chairman, E. G. Smith, Secretary and Sister Farrella Locklear, Treas.

The Chairman declared the house ready for business.

On motion, Bro. J. R. Oxendine and sister Minnie E. Carter were appointed program committee.

On motion, the next convention was located with Deep Branch church, Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1920.

The duties and qualifications of officers and teachers was discussed by Rev. J. J. Bell and Rev. S. J. Chavis.

The duties of a Pastor to the School and Convention was discussed by Bro. W. D. Oxendine and S. J. Chavis.

The Finance Committee reported received for Minutes fund \$8.50.

On motion, the report was received and the money paid to the treasurer.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT MEETING

11:00, a. m.—Sermon by Rev. S. J. Chavis.

1:00, p. m.—Query: "What is the Duties of the Parents to the Sunday School," led by Bro. Alex Hammonds.

2:00, p. m.—The training of children—led by Bro. A. Carter.

On motion, Bro. J. W. Hammonds was appointed colporter.

A vote of thanks was tendered Antioch Church for the entertainment of the Convention.

On motion, we stand adjourned until Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1920.

W. D. OXENDINE,
Chairman.

E. G. SMITH,
Secretary.

DELEGATES NAMES

Jas Sampson, E. S. Jacobs, Eller Sampson, B. E. Jacobs, Analiza Sampson, Elizabeth Hunt, K. H. Jones, Minnie E. Carter, Nancy Lockley, Lucy A. Bell, Alex Hammonds, G. A. Carter, W. D. Oxendine, S. B. Locklear and Farraella Locklear.

No Scholars



SCHOOLS	Superintendent	No Scholars	Contribution
Antioch-----	A. Carter-----	40	7.44
Reedy Branch---	E. S. Jacobs-----	145	36.65
Mt. Olive-----	F. L. Lockley----	156	37.70
Deep Branch---	James Sampson----	53	10.71
Mt. Airy-----	R. D. Locklear----	75	19.10
	Total-----	469	\$111.60

Reedy Branch Church. Sept. 13, 1919.

The Sisters Christian Home Society met in its 10th Annual Session.

Sermon by Rev. J. C. Clark at 11:30, a. m.

12:00,—Noon.

1:30, p. m.—The Society was called to order by the president—Reading the 2nd chapter of Titus.

On motion, S. P. Hunt was appointed Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Annie Clark and Maggie Oxendine were appointed Finance Committee.

Letters from the different Societies were called for, read and received.

The election of officers was taken up, and on motion, Mrs. A. T. Morgan was re-elected President and J. W. Huggins Vice-President. Mrs. Elizabeth was elected Secretary and Miss Dora Huggins, Assistant. Mrs. Mag Oxendine, Dora Huggins J. C. Clark were appointed Program Committee.

On motion, the programme was taken up and discussed.

1st topic:—"Why should we have the co-operation of the Brethren, led by J. W. Huggins.

2nd topic:—"What is our duty to the Society? led by A. T. Morgan.

On motion, we appoint Sister Dora Huggins Missionary.

The location of next annual meeting was taken up and was located at Reedy Branch church.

The Programme Committee made their report as follows:

10:00, a. m.—Prayer and praise service, conducted by A. T.

Morgan.

11:00. a. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Huggins.

2:00, p. m.—Topic: What is Christian Society? led by L. J. Bell.

2:30, p. m.—What is the Aim of this Society? led by Dora Huggins.

On motion, we stand adjourn.

MRS. ELIZABETH HUNT,

Secretary.

MRS. A. T. MORGAN,

President.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members, whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art 3 The Association may act as an advisory counsel, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on petition by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome; Provided further, that no church be admitted without first securing a home, that is, a site on which to build with clear title for said property, said title to be examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church,

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him

and out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The Annual session of the Association shall be on Friday before the 1st Sunday in November at such place as may be chosen

Art. 10 The Association shall have power: 1—to provide for general Union of the churches. 2—to present inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3—to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4—to inquire into the cause if the churches failed to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5—to appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they deem proper. 6—to appoint any member, by and with their consent to transact any business they may see proper. 7—to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion. 8—to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by two-thirds vote of the members present.



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Antioch-----	28	66	94	9	2	3	0	11	2	\$ 27 70	\$5 00	\$ 55 20	\$110 60	\$ 8 06	\$1500
Reedy Branch----	62	165	227	4	2	5	4	16	1	100 00	---	200 00	132 00	7 00	3000
Harpers Ferry-----	16	46	62	2	4	3	1	---	---	42 50	---	35 00	12 70	---	500
Mt. Moriah-----	22	41	63	5	--	2	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	3 00	700
Mt. Olive-----	26	51	77	--	--	--	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	600
Gray Pond-----	12	17	29	6	--	2	---	---	---	---	---	35 00	---	1 50	500
Pleasant View-----	12	18	30	2	1	4	1	7	---	---	---	75 00	---	2 00	700
Mt. Zion-----	16	23	39	3	--	--	3	---	---	---	6 50	24 75	---	30 29	700
Deep Branch-----	18	44	62	6	--	--	3	2	---	---	3 25	101 61	19 75	3 05	1000
Bear Swamp-----	23	65	88	5	1	2	3	1	1	2 50	3 25	108 00	---	5 60	1000
Oak Grove-----	24	52	76	1	--	1	2	1	---	---	---	100 00	33 50	3 50	1000
Piney Grove-----	12	60	72	--	--	--	1	8	---	39 25	1 50	100 00	52 66	2 00	700
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Forty-First Annual Session
OF THE
BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with Deep Branch Church
Nov. 5-7, 1920.

The next session will be held with Piney Grove Church
November 3rd.-6th, 1921.

Moderator—Rev. J. J. Bell—Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2
 Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Fairmont, N. C.. R. 3

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

S. S. Lowry	Buie, N. C.
W. J. Sampson	Lumberton, N. C., R. 6
*J. J. Bell	Lumberton, N. C., R. 1
S. J. Chavis	Pembroke, N. C.
J. E. Hunt	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3
J. C. Clark	Fairmont, N. C. R. 3
*W. G. Hunt	Lumberton, N. C., R. 2
*L. W. Jacobs *	Fairmont. N. C., R. 3
Z. R. Brooks	Raynham, N. C., R. 1.
*Z. R. Chavis	Pembroke. N. C., R. 1
*P. P. Locklear	Buie, N. C. R. 1
E. F. Wariax	Buie, N. C., R. 1
W. M. Hammond	Lumberton, N. C. ,R. 2
*A. T. Taylor	Lumberton, N. C., R. 3
J. W. Huggins	Lumberton, N. C., R. 3
Andrew B ell	Lumberton, N. C., R. 2
*C. E. Locklear	Fairmont, N. C., R. 3

Reported Pastors in this Association marked thus *

LICENTIATES:

Geo. J. Chavis	Raynham, N. C., R. 1
R. H. Carter	Fairmont, N. C.
J. D. Locklear	Buie, N. C., R. 1
Cary Locklear	Hasty, N. C.
Bias Jacobs	Rennert, N. C.
Hughe Smith	Rennert. N. C.

ROLL OF DELEGATES:

Antioch—W. W. Blanks, A. B. Chavis and B. D. Chavis.
 Reedy Branch—Neil Jacobs, Evander Hunt and D S. Shepherd.
 Harpers Ferrry—A. N. Locklear, B. F. Chavis and Foda Barten.
 Mt. Moriah—F. L. Locklear, Eli Chavis, and Oliver Hunt.
 Mt. Olive—W. R. Locklear, G. W. Locklear, C. W. Oxendine.
 Gray Pond—John Chavis, Anguish Chavis, Harrison Chavis.
 Deep Branch—E. A. Morgan, J. W. Oxendine, E. B. Sampson.
 Bear Swamp—James Oxendine, Abner Oxendine, E. D. Jacobs.
 Oak Grove—J. H. Pate, C. A. Locklear, Richard Chavis.
 Piney Grove—S. M. Oxendine, Andrew Hunt. G. F. Hunt.
 Mt. Airy—W. D. Oxendine, Boss Locklear, R. D. Locklear.
 Bethel Hill—S. P. Brewington, D. L. Lowry, A. R. Chavis.
 St. Peter—D. O. Oxendine, Solomon Jacobs, Edword Gibs,

PROCEEDINGS

November 5, 1920.

The 41st annual session of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met at Deep Branch Church. Friday, Nov. 5th, 1920, at 10:00, a. m.

After a short song and prayer service, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. W. Jacobs—text, Revelation 2;10. "Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Prayer by Rev. J. J. Bell—Song, "I Love thy Kingdom Lord" was sung, and the Association adjourned for noon.

12:00, noon recess.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

1:00. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The 20th Chapter of Matthew was read. Hymn No. 516 was sung and prayer was offered by Bro. A. N. Locklear.

The roll of churches was called and all were present except one.

On motion the Association proceeded with the organization.

On motion, Rev. J. J. Bell was nominated for Moderator and was re-elected by unanimous vote.

Rev. L. W. Jacobs was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

On motion, Bros. E. B. Sampson, Geo. Locklear and W. W. Blanks were appointed finance committee.

On motion, the pastor and Delegates of Deep Branch were appointed committees of arrangement. The letters from the various churches were called for and was read and received except the petition letters.

The Moderator declared the Association in order for business and extended an invitation to visiting brethren and newly constituted churches. The application of St. Peter Church applying for membership applying for membership in the Association was presented. The application was investigated by a committee which reported favorable, and was received. The right hand of welcome was given to her delegates by the Moderator.

Prof. T. C. Henderson of Transylvania, announced himself as a visitor in the Association and was made welcome to a seat by the Moderator.. Also Rev. C. D. Brewington of the Eastern

Carolina Association.

The location of the next Association was taken up. Petitions were from Reedy Branch, Bear Swamp, Harpers Ferry and Piney Grove. After considering all of the petitions the next Association was located with Piney Grove, beginning Thursday November 3rd, 1921.

On motion, Bros. T. C. Henderson, Abner Chavis and A. N. Locklear were appointed programme committee.

On motion, the programme was taken up and various topics discussed.

Report on Sunday School was prepared and read by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

REPORT:

Sunday School is a grand organization. One among the best institutions for the training of young folks, preparing them for the different vocations that awaits them in life. It is an institution that we never complete our course of study. One we enter in youth and end in age and yet there is room at the top. We are taught in the Scriptures that Christ went into the synagogues on the Sabbath to talk, and when we are going on Sunday to the sacred places to read and try to understand Scriptures we are imitating the life of Jesus Christ. It is not only a place to prepare our boys and girls for the vocations, but it is also a place to help prepare them for fit subjects for our Father's Kingdom. 'Tis there they read and learn of the love of Jesus Christ; 'Tis there they learn to love him too. In this year may we do more in the Sunday schools than ever before and remember too that when we are building up Sunday Schools we are building up Christ's Kingdom in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. E. Locklear.

The report was discussed by Revs. C. E. Locklear, H. E. Coleman, Bros. A. N. Locklear and T. C. Henderson, and then adopted.

Report on State Missions was arranged by Rev. E. F. Warriax.

REPORT:

We believe in State Mission, and I believe that this Association ought to support State Missions. We understand that the great mission of Jesus Christ began in Jerusalem then in

Judea and then to the world at large. If we could have correspondence with the State Mission it would strengthen our Association and faith in Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. E. F. Warriax.

The report was discussed by Rev. Warriax and Prof. Henderson and then adopted.

The committee on arrangement made their report: Report prayer meeting tomorrow night at 7:30; lecture by Prof. T. C. Henderson.

On motion, we call off until 9:30 tomorrow. Song, "Come we that Love the Lord" was sung to S. M. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Huggins. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Clark

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

9:30. a. m., prayer meeting was conducted by Rev. W. G. Hunt. A large congregation attended this part of the service, seemed that most every one was filled with a working spirit.

10:00. The Moderator read the 1st Psalms for the morning lesson. Hymn No. 344 was sung to S. M., led by Rev. J. C. Clark. Prayer was offered by Bro. W. D. Oxendine. The Moderator declared the Association ready for business. Delegates names were called, proceedings of Friday's session read and received.

The Moderator again extended an invitation to newly constituted churches and visiting brethren. Revs. H. H. and J. R. Lowry, of the Lumber River Conference were made welcome to a seat in the Association.

Report on Foreign Mission was presented by Rev. W. G. Hunt. The report was discussed by Rev. W. G. Hunt and Prof. T. C. Henderson and adopted.

The letter from Mt. Zion church in Ga. was read and received.

Report on Christian Education was presented by Bro. W. D. Oxendine. The report was discussed by Bros. W. D. Oxendine, J. R. Lowry, A. N. Locklear, T. C. Henderson and Rev. H. H. Lowry and then adopted.

A collection was called at this time for the Christian training School; raised \$156.00.

On motion, Bros. J. J. Bell, L. W. Jacobs, J. C. Clark, A. B. Chavis and Fuller Locklear, was elected for the Executive

Board.

On motion, S. J. Chavis H. T. Sampson and A. N. Locklear were appointed building committee.

On motion, all business pertaining to the school will be left with the executive board.

On motion, the 4th article in the constitution be so amended as to provide for the Executive Board and the 9th article be so amended so as to provide for the Association to begin on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November in each year.

Report on Periodicals was presented by Bro. A. N. Locklear. The report was discussed by A. N. Locklear and then adopted.

Report on prayer meeting was presented by Rev. A. T. Taylor was discussed by Rev. A. T. Taylor and adopted.

On motion. Bros. A. N. Locklear and W. D. Oxendine was appointed committees to solicit funds for the Christian Training School.

On motion, the finance committee make their report.

REPORT:

Received for education -----	\$332.05
Received for Minute Fund -----	60.60
Total, -----	<u>\$392.65</u>

W. W. Blanks,
Geo. Locklear.
E. B. Sampson,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged, and the money paid over to the various treasurers.

On motion, the programme committee make their report.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

Prayer is one of the first and sweetest duties of the Christian toward God. By it he approaches the personal ear of his Maker, pouring out his thanks for life, preservation and salvation. Glorifying God, asking aid, assistance, grace and strength or making intercessions for other persons are the surest means of attaining a high type of spirituality as well as one of the strongest staffs upon which to lean when we are weak or troubled.

Earnest and continuous prayer invariably brings peace, for God never fails to listen to the call of those who come to Him in distress, but in asking God for things we must never forget that his knowledge and wisdom is infinitely greater than ours, and that we must not expect Him to grant our wishes if in His sight they are not expedient or will be harmful to us.

His own son addressed Him from the human side of His nature in the garden of Gethsemane when he said "Let the cup pass from me if it be thy will," but Jesus was willing to let everything rest in his Father's hands, obeying Him in all things.

No prayer should pass the lips of man without the thought either spoken or in the heart "Thy will be done, not mine." Therefore every church in the Association should establish a prayer meeting, weekly or semi-weekly.

Paul says: "Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving."—Colossians 4:2.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. T. Taylor.

PROGRAM FOR COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, your committee on program for next year, recommend the following:

THURSDAY.

11:00 a. m.—Annual sermon by Rev. H. E. Coleman; alternate, Rev. Clarence Locklear.

1:00 p. m.—Organization.

2:30; p. m.—Sunday Schools—Bro. Braxton Sampson.

3:15 p. m.—Missions—State, Home and Foreign—Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

FRIDAY.

9.30 a. m.—Prayer and Praise Service—Bro. G. W. Locklear.

10:00 a. m.—Christian Education—Bro. L. W. Jacobs.

10.45 a. m.—Temperance—Bro. A. N. Locklear.

SATURDAY.

11:30 a. m.—Periodicals—Bro. S. J. Chavis.

1:30 p. m.—Prayer Meetings—Bro. Z. R. Chavis.

2:15 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Chavis,

A. N. Locklear.

T. C. Henderson,

Committee.

A collection was taken up for Bro. Wash Bell and received \$8.01.

The Treasurer of the Association made his report.

REPORT:

Received for Minute Fund-----	\$50.30
Paid to Clerk \$15.00; for minutes-----	3375
Balance on hand -----	\$1.65

L. W. Jacobs, Treas.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, we pay the Clerk \$20.00 for his service. The Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of the minutes printed.

On motion, the collection tomorrow be given for the benefit of the Christian Training School that the Association is trying to establish.

On motion, the committee of arrangement made their report as follows: Rev. C. D. Brewington to teach Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. A. T. Taylor to preach at 11 o'clock.

On motion, that we as an Association extend to the pastor and church of Deep Branch and to the community our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and generous hospitality shown in entertaining this Association.

On motion, all unfinished business be left with the Moderator and Clerk.

On motion this Association stand adjourn to meet with Piney Grove Church Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November 1921.

After some glowing remarks by the Moderator, hymn No. 801 was sung to S. M., led by Rev. J. C. Clark. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. W. Jacobs. Benediction by Rev. C. E. Coleman.

REV. L. W. JACOBS,
Clerk.

REV. J. J. BELL,
Moderator.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	TIME OF PREACHING
Antioch	W. G. Hunt	2nd Sunday
Reedy Branch	C. E. Locklear	1st and 3rd. Sunday
Mt. Moriah	P. P. Locklear	3rd. Sunday
Harpers Ferry	L. W. Jacobs	3rd. Sunday
Mt. Olive	A. T. Taylor	2nd Sunday
Gray Pond	P. P. Locklear	4th Sunday
Pleasant View	Z. R. Chavis	4th Sunday
Mt. Zion		
Deep Branch	H. E. Coleman	4th Sunday
Bear Swamp	L. W. Jacobs	1st Sunday
Oak Grove	J. J. Bell	1st and 3rd. Sunday
Piney Grove	C. E. Locklear	2nd and 4th Sunday
Mt. Airy	L. W. Jacobs	2nd and 4th Sunday
Bethel Hill	A. T. Taylor	1st Sunday
St. Peter	Z. R. Chavis	3rd. Sunday

Report on Periodicals by A. N. Locklear.

REPORT:

We think it very essential to every church member to read good literature. We should read such Baptist Literature as Charity and Children, Foreign Field and the Baptist organ or Biblical Recorder. You should buy good Literature and read it too.

The above does not exclude the true word. We have lost much by not reading. Let us read more. We learn and profit by what we read.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. Locklear.

Report on Christian Education by W. D. Oxendine.

REPORT:

The mind has a certain amount of negative power which cannot be wholly idle. If it is not laid out and cultivated into a beautiful garden it will shoot up in weeds and flowers of wild growth. From this there is seen the necessity of careful mental cultivation. A training of all the faculties in the right direction. This should be the first great object in any system of education, public or private. If youths are taught how to think they will soon learn how to think. So to train those youths to think right we need a Christian education.

Education may be right or wrong, good or bad. The heart may grow in will and the passion expand in misrule. It has been wisely ordained that light should have no color, water taste and air no odor. So knowledge should be equally pure

and without admixture. It is not what a man eats but that he digests that makes him strong. Not what he gains, but what he saves that makes him rich. So it is not what he reads or hears, but what he remembers and applies that makes him learned. So we need a Christian education so that the right idea will be set before the boys and girls. We would urge this Association to work to that end.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Oxendine. Committee.

Report on Home Mission was presented by Rev. J. C. Clark.

REPORT:

Mission is the genius of Christianity. It speaks in every command and thrill, in every emotion. Christians should love home. Christ said go home to thy friends tell what great things the Lord has done for thee. Yet the mission field in the Burnt Swamp Association is laying waste, uncultivated. Great good could be done through a home mission board if they would send out a missionary on home mission work. But it is not in cash it will cost thee money.—2nd. Samuel, 1:10 is the unspoken language of the Association and yet souls are more precious than money. I think this Association should take the Home Mission work under a consideration and send out a missionary in the field.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. C. Clark.

Report on Foreign Mission was presented by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

REPORT.

Foreign Mission is very much needed. It is a process of helping others to know of Christ, to save the unsaved. By it the Gospel is finding its way in foreign destitute countries. Through the same process America has been Christianized, which brings many blessings unto us. Let us not neglect helping to send Christ to them that know him not, that they too may have the great blessings. Let us therefore contribute to this most needed cause. Christ said this Gospel must be preached in all the world for a witness then shall the end come. So let us be ready when He comes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. G. W. Hunt.

Saturday evening 7:00 the choir of Deep Branch rendered some good music. After which, the congregation was led in prayer by Rev. L. W. Locklear. Prof T. C Henderson then responded according to the program and delivered a soul stirring speech, subject: Romans 1-14, 15 and 16th verses. I am debtor, I am ready, I am not ashamed. Prayer was then offered by Rev. H. E. Coleman. Song Blest Be the Tie that Binds was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev L. W. Jacobs.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the choir assembled after rendering several pieces of music. Rev. C. D. Brewington responded according to programme and taught a very interesting lesson from the 6th Chapter of St. Matthew. A contribution of \$2.80 were taken up for the Sunday School. An intermission of ten minutes was given.

11:30. the congregation reassembled—ashort song service by L. W. Jacobs and then a collection was called for the benefit of the Training School; received \$50.01.

Rev. A. T. Taylor then preached a soul-stirring sermon from the 22nd chapter of Gen. and the 8th verse. Text: My Son God will provide. Prayer was led by Rev. C. C. Lowry, and song Pass me not oh gentle Saviour was sung and benediction by Rev. L. W. Jacobs. This ended one of the best sessions of the Association in its history.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members, whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory counsel, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on a petition by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found ortho-

dox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome; Provided further, that no church be admitted without first securing a home, that is, a site on which to build with clear title for said property, said title to be examined by a committee.

Art 6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The Annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 10. The Association shall have power: 1—to provide for general Union of the churches. 2—to present inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3—to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4—to inquire into the cause if the churches failed to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5—to appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they deem proper. 6—to appoint any member, by and with their consent to transact any business they may see proper. 7—to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion. 8—to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by two-thirds vote of the members present.

	Males	Females	Totals	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Died.	Excluded.	Dis. by Letter.	Education	Home Mission.	Paster's Salary.	Charities.	Minute Fund.	Church Valued.
Antioch-----	31	65	96	5	2	2	1	4	0	20.00	0	\$125.00	\$23.00	\$10.00	\$1,500.00
Reedy Branch-----	79	193	272	44	4	14	2	20	1	56.50	0	\$200.00	\$2.76	\$13.00	\$3,000.00
Harpers Ferry-----	18	24	42	2	0	1	3	1	0	67.53	0	\$55.00	\$1.63	\$3.00	\$1,000.00
Mt. Moriah-----	18	39	57	0	0	0	0	4	0					\$3.00	\$300.00
Mt. Olive-----	37	62	99	13	4	3	0	0	2	153.00	0	\$167.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$2,000.00
Gray Pond-----	15	17	32	6	1	2	0	0	0	7.00	0	\$45.00		\$2.00	\$500.00
Pleasant View-----															
Mt. Zion-----	9	10	19	0	0	0	0	10	5	3.00	0	\$23.00		\$2.00	\$500.00
Deep Branch-----	19	40	59	0	0	1	1	1	3	33.50	0	\$174.85	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$1,000.00
Bear Swamp-----	30	76	106	9	3	0	4	1	1	7.50	0	\$125.00	\$31.86	\$3.00	\$1,000.00
Oak Grove-----	25	59	84	10	0	4	1	3	1	7.50	0	\$130.00	\$55.25	\$5.00	\$1,000.00
Piney Grove-----	12	64	77	1	0	2	2	0	4	76.40	0	\$168.50	\$78.00	\$2.50	\$1,000.00
Mt. Airy-----	36	60	96	19	6	4	1	1	0	71.90	0	\$210.01	\$68.60	\$4.00	\$2,500.00
Bethel Hill-----	21	19	40	13								\$75.00		\$3.00	\$1,000.00

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BURNT SWAMP MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF THE

CHEROKEE INDIANS OF ROBESON COUNTY

HELD WITH

PINEY GROVE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 3-6, 1921

The next session will be held at Keedy Church, November 2-5, 1922.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator, Rev. J. J. Bell-----R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
 Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. L. W. Jacobs---R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

S. S. Lowery-----Buie, N. C.
 W. J. Sampson-----R. 6, Lumberton, N. C.
 J. J. Bell-----R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
 S. J. Chavis-----Pembroke, N. C.
 J. E. Hunt-----R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
 J. C. Clark-----R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
 W. G. Hunt-----R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
 L. W. Jacobs-----R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
 Z. R. Brooks-----R. 1, Raynham, N. C.
 Z. R. Chavis-----R. 1, Pembroke, N. C.
 P. P. Locklear-----R. 1, Buie, N. C.
 E. F. Wariax-----R. 1, Buie, N. C.
 W. M. Hammond-----R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
 R. T. Taylor-----R. 1, Raynham, N. C.
 J. W. Huggins-----R. 3, Lumberton, N. C.
 Andrew Bell-----R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
 C. E. Locklear-----R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
 S. A. Hammond-----R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.

Reported pastors in this Association marked *thus *.

LICENTIATES

Geo. J. Chavis-----R. 1, Raynham, N. C.
 R. H. Carter-----Fairmont, N. C.
 J. D. Locklear-----R. 1, Buie, N. C.
 Hugh Smith-----Rennert, N. C.
 Cary Locklear-----Hasty, N. C.
 L. A. Maynor-----R. 1, Buie, N. C.
 C. H. Bell-----Fairmont, N. C.
 R. B. Jacobs-----Hasty, N. C.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Antioch—W. W. Blanks, Alvan Carter and W. D. Carter.

Reedy Branch—L. J. Bell, J. H. Jacobs and J. J. Oxendine.

Mt. Moriah—Oliver Hunt, Joseph Locklear and F. L. Locklear.

Harper's Ferry—Willie Jacobs, Berry Deal and A. N. Locklear.

Mt. Olive—F. L. Locklear, A. J. Jacobs and G. W. Locklear.

Gray Pond—Harrison Chavis, Sandy Chavis and J. D. Chavis.

Pleasant View—J. A. Santee, Richard Hunt and Bransom Chavis.

Deep Branch—H. T. Sampson, James Sampson and E. B. Sampson.

Bear Swamp—L. A. Maynor, C. L. Oxendine and Matthew Jacobs.

Oak Grove—Alton Clark, James F. Locklear and D. D. Locklear.

Piney Grove—S. M. Oxendine, Irvin Hunt and R. D. Hunt.

Bethel Hill—T. H. Hammond, A. R. Chavis and Hugh Smith.

Mt. Airy—N. A. Lowery, R. D. Locklear and Geo. Locklear.

St. Peter—F. T. Gibbs and Gati Oxendine.

PROCEEDINGS

November 3, 1921.

The forty-third annual session of the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association was held at Piney Grove Church, Thursday, November 3, 1921, at 10 a. m. Prayer and praise service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Clark.

At 11 a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. H. E. Coleman. Text: Matthew, 9th chapter and 27th and 28th verses—"Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth laborers unto His harvest." The speaker spoke to the point, and every one present seemed to enjoy the service very much. Prayer was then offered by Rev. L. W. Jacobs. Hymn 988 was sung to C. M. by Brother Hugh Smith, and the Association adjourned for noon.

12:00 Noon recess.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1 p. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The 12th chapter of Romans was read. Hymn No. 674 was sung to C. M. by Rev. J. C. Clark, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

The roll of churches was called and all were present except one.

The Moderator appointed N. A. Lowery and W. W. Blanks for Finance Committee.

The letters from the various churches were called for, read and received except the petition letters, and delegates' names enrolled.

The Moderator declared the Association in order for business and extended an invitation to visiting brethren and newly constituted churches. The Association then proceeded with the organization. Rev. J. J. Bell was reelected Moderator by a unanimous vote for 1922, and L. W. Jacobs Clerk and Treasurer by a unanimous vote.

On motion, the Association proceeded to general business. Amendments were recommended to the first, fourth, fifth, sixth and ninth articles of the Constitution. The proposed amendments were read twice by the Secretary and thoroughly debated by the delegates of the various churches. Articles 1, 5 and 6 were accepted, articles 4 and 9 rejected and voted out. (See Constitution for amendments.)

On motion, the program was called for, reports read and discussed.

The pastor and delegates of Piney Grove Church were appointed as a committee of arrangements.

Report on Sabbath School was read by Brother E. B. Sampson. The report was discussed by Rev. P. P. Locklear and then adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Dear Brethren:—The great object of the Sabbath Schools is to learn what our Heavenly Father has taught us in the Bible, and in order to accomplish this we would recommend that all the members of all the churches of this Association meet together every Sabbath for the study of the Holy Scriptures, and that the brethren and sisters will consider it their duty to get all the children in their community in which they live to go to the Sabbath School and instruct them in the knowledge of the Word of God; and the pastors of the churches use their influence, both in pulpit and private, to secure this end.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SAMPSON.

Report on Missions was read by W. D. Oxendine, was discussed by W. D. Oxendine, and adopted.

MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

The work of Missions is a work to which no true Christian can find fault. More than nine hundred millions, or two-thirds of the world's population, are yet without the Gospel. These cannot be saved if they would, because they do not know how to be saved. This has been called, and rightly so, the colossal crime of Christianity—this criminal neglect of a lost world.

As we pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth"—the whole earth—we should open the doors of our hearts to the Master. Listen to the voice of the Saviour, His last message to His friends: "Go ye, go ye." Those who cannot go in person can go in contributions, and should consider it a great privilege to do so, for the "Macedonian cry" is ringing out from every nation, calling for men and women to come with the glad news of salvation. We hope that every Christian in the bounds of this Association may take deeper interest in the salvation of the entire world. Christ came from heaven to save the world, and still cries to us to go into all the world. Let us go in person, prayers and contributions as the spirit of the Lord may direct.

During the past year we did nothing for Missions except in our own associational work. In this work we have made progress. At the last session of our Association we had raised \$1,700 for the work incidental to the establishing of a Christian training school in our midst. Since that time we have contributed \$393.98, making a total of \$2,093.98 for this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. OXENDINE,

Committee.

On motion, the location of the next Association was taken up. There were petitions from Reedy Branch and Pleasant View. After considering the petitions, was located at Reedy Branch Church, beginning Thursday, November 2, 1922.

On motion, Brothers F. L. Locklear and Oliver Hunt were granted leave of absence on account of sickness.

On motion, we call off until tomorrow. Hymn No. 344 was sung to S. M. by Rev. J. C. Clark. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. J. Chavis. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Clark.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION

At 10:45 a. m. prayer service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Clark. At 11 a. m. the Moderator declared the Association ready for business. After reading the 20th chapter of Matthew, Hymn No. 637 was sung to S. M. by Brother G. W. Locklear. Prayer was offered by Brother H. T. Sampson.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats in the Association. Minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved.

Report on Christian Education was read by L. W. Jacobs, was discussed by L. W. Jacobs, W. D. Oxendine and A. N. Locklear and then adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," was Paul's advice to a young minister; and that advice needs to be repeated today with emphasis to all young ministers and other church and Sunday School workers. Young ministers especially should be exhorted to "study," as it is absolutely necessary for preachers to have as much general education as the more intelligent among those to whom they preach, and much more knowledge of theology.

Doing great things for God is inspiring and hopeful, and it is gratifying to note that a large constituency of the churches of our Association are beginning to think on the importance of power through proper training, and are beginning to realize that Christian education is essential to keep us in unison with the spirit and purpose of God.

It has been forcefully said that "the symbol of State education is the ballot box and its purpose intelligent citizenship; the symbol of vocational education is the dollar mark, and its purpose competent workmen; the symbol of Christian education is the church of Christ, and its purpose Christian citizenship."

We realize fully the unquestionable necessity for vocational and State education, but we know also that there is something in man more than intellect and craftsmanship to be brought to perfection by a process of training which deals with the springs of human action as well as the compass of the intellect, which includes proportionately the spiritual part of man's nature as well as his intellect. Such training increases the regulating principles of the heart and strengthens the powers to resist temptations, bear persecutions, surmount difficulties and overcome the various forms of evil. Such training is found in Christian schools such as we hope soon to have located on the site at Pembroke which was donated by Mr. E. L. Odum for that purpose.

We are glad to report that the residence for the home of the principal of the Christian training school for the Indians of Robeson County is nearly completed. We hope to see a school building erected on the site near the residence at an early date, and we recommend that our churches proceed at once to raise the funds needed for the completion of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. JACOBS,
Committee.

The Committee on Arrangements reported Rev. L. W. Jacobs to preach at 11:30.

On motion, we call off for preaching service. Song, "When I Can Read My Title Clear," was sung, led by G. W. Locklear. Rev. Jacobs then responded, according to program. Preached from Revelation 1:18: "I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive forever more, amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." After which some music was rendered by the Association and then was dismissed for noon.

At 1 p. m. the Association reassembled for its afternoon session. Hymn No. 703 was sung to C. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for business. The Executive Board and Building Committee made their report as follows: We have about completed the home for the teacher of the Christian training school, as ordered, on the land given by Mr. Odum at Pembroke.

On motion, the report was received and the Board reëlected. Revs. J. J. Bell, L. W. Jacobs, J. C. Clark, A. Chavis, F. L. Locklear—Executive Board.

On motion, S. J. Chavis, A. N. Locklear and H. T. Sampson reappointed Building Committee. Each church was requested to send in \$50 to Union in January, 1922, to finish the buildings for the Training School.

The Treasurer of the Ministerial Education Board made his report as follows:

Paid out for building-----	\$1,189.47
Balance on hand-----	721.22

F. L. LOCKLEAR, Treasurer.

On motion, the report was received and the Treasurer reëlected.

The Treasurer of the Association made his report as follows:

Had on hand at the close of last year-----	\$ 1.65
Received for Minute Fund-----	60.60
Paid to Clerk-----	20.20
Paid for Minutes-----	45.00

L. W. JACOBS, Treasurer.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, the Finance Committee made their report as follows:

Received for education-----	\$ 300.87
For Minute Fund-----	65.55
Total-----	<hr/> \$ 366.42

N. A. LOWERY,
W. W. BLANKS,
Committee.

On motion, the Program Committee made their report as follows:

PROGRAM

Thursday, November 2, 1922

- 11:00 a. m. Annual sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt. Alternate,
Rev. J. J. Bell.
1:00 p. m. Organization.
2:30 p. m. Sunday Schools—Rev. E. F. Wariax.
3:15 p. m. Missions, State, Foreign and Home—Rev. C. E.
Locklear.

Friday

- 9:30 a. m. Prayer service—Brother Willie Jacobs.
10:00 a. m. Christian Education—A. N. Locklear.
1:00 p. m. Temperance—Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

Saturday

- 9:30 a. m. Prayer service—Brother Hugh Smith.
10:00 a. m. Periodicals—Brother Everett Sampson.
1:00 p. m. Prayer Meetings—Rev. P. P. Locklear.
1:30 p. m. General Business.

W. D. OXENDINE,
A. N. LOCKLEAR,
E. B. SAMPSON,
Committee.

On motion, the reports of the various committees were received and committees discharged, and money paid over to the various treasurers.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following report:

7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

Saturday, 11:30 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. J. Bell.

Sunday, 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School lesson, taught by Rev. J. J. Bell.

11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

REV. C. E. LOCKLEAR,

S. M. OXENDINE,

IRVIN HUNT,

R. D. HUNT,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged. The Executive Board was ordered to build the school building on the land at Pembroke given by Mr. Odum as soon as the home is completed.

Report on Temperance was read and discussed by Brother A. N. Locklear and then adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The word temperance means "Moderate indulgence of the appetite." In former times this meant less drinking of wine. The drink habit long ago was realized to be a curse. The use of any beverage to drunkenness was condemned in ancient times by God, the Father of all. The use of alcoholic drinks ruined the law officials of ancient days, and God forbade its use. They were bitten and fell, but the habit, with its deadly effects, has reached the present-day generation and stands first among the enemies that hurry men to death.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

On motion, we call off until evening service.

Brother H. T. Sampson was appointed to conduct prayer service Saturday morning. Music was led by Rev. J. C. Clark. Brother W. D. Oxendine led in prayer. The Association then adjourned until the evening service.

At 7:30 p. m. the Association reassembled. Prayer service was conducted by Brother S. M. Oxendine. Rev. W. G. Hunt then responded, according to the program, and preached from

the 12th chapter of St. John and 35th verse—“And I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto Me.” Music was led by L. W. Jacobs. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. F. Wariax.

The evening service was one to be remembered. All seemed to enjoy the service, the time being well spent. Benediction by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION

At 9:30 prayer service was conducted by Brother H. T. Sampson. At 10 o'clock the Moderator read the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Music was rendered by Rev. J. C. Clark. Prayer was offered by Brother A. J. Jacobs. Roll of delegates called and majority were present. Minutes of Friday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting brethren and newly constituted churches.

At this time Prof. T. C. Henderson, Superintendent of the Indian Normal School of Pembroke, announced himself and was made welcome by the Moderator.

The Association appointed a committee, consisting of Revs. J. J. Bell, J. C. Clark, W. G. Hunt, J. E. Hunt, A. N. Locklear and L. W. Jacobs, to make application to the State Baptist Convention. Also, Rev. J. J. Bell was appointed as a delegate to the State Baptist Convention.

Report on Periodicals was read by Rev. S. J. Chavis and was discussed by Prof. T. C. Henderson and then adopted.

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The Bible is the greatest of all books. Without it the Christian would have nothing upon which to found his hope. When we pray we are talking to God; when we read the Bible, God is talking to us. Parents should teach their children to read and reverence the Bible, the book of all books, the glory of all knowledge, the record of all our Christian hope. A knowledge of the Bible and of the progress of the Bible message is essential to the development of the best Christian life.

The intelligent study of the Bible is very much enhanced by the wise use of good helps. For the best helps for all our church membership we would recommend the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Nashville, Tenn.

For intelligent information concerning the progress of the Bible message we are dependent almost entirely on religious periodicals, among which the Biblical Recorder stands first, and next to it the Home and Foreign Field, published by the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. These periodicals are indispensable to all progressive students of the Kingdom of God among our members who desire to grow in grace and knowledge and in favor with God and man.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. CHAVIS,

Committee.

At this time the Association called off for preaching. Rev. J. J. Bell responded to the call and preached a very refreshing sermon from the 14th chapter of St. John, second verse. Text: "I go to prepare a place for you." Prayer was offered by Brother B. A. Hunt. Music rendered by the Association. The Association then called off for noon.

At 1:15 the Association reassembled after a short prayer service conducted by Rev. Clark. Rev. Z. R. Chavis read the report on Prayer Meeting, which was discussed by Rev. Chavis. Brother A. N. Locklear and Prof. T. C. Henderson and then adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

Prayer is not the overcoming of God's reluctance; it is the taking hold of God's willingness. Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Prayer does not change God, but it does change us and our relation to God. It places us in the channel of blessings and in that frame of mind in which God can consistently and safely grant our request. How shall we pray so as to be heard and to receive help for one thing? There must be a real desire in our hearts. Forms of words do not make prayer. We must want something and must realize our dependence upon God for it.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. R. CHAVIS,

Committee.

The Association ordered the Clerk to have 500 copies of Minutes printed.

On motion, we pay the clerk \$25 for his services.

On motion, we, the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association extend to the pastor and church of Piney Grove and

to the community our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and generous hospitality shown in entertaining this Association.

Rev. J. R. Lowery, of the Lumber River Methodist Conference, was also a welcome visitor in the Association.

On motion, all unfinished business be left with the Moderator and Clerk. The Minutes were read and adopted.

On motion, this Association adjourn until Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1922, when it is expected to meet at Reedy Branch Baptist Church.

After some glowing remarks by the Moderator to the preachers and delegates, thanking them for their coöperation during the session, Hymn No. 640 was sung and prayer was offered by Professor Henderson. Benediction by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

REV. J. J. BELL, *Moderator*.

REV. L. W. JACOBS, *Clerk and Treasurer*.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Cherokee Indians of Robeson County.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the various churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association. Who shall be members? Whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory council, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on a petition by letter and delegates if, on examination, they be found orthodox, manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome to the delegates: Provided further, that no church shall be admitted without a site to build on with clear title, to be examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in this Union shall be entitled to a representation of three members chosen from each church: Provided further, the preachers from the various churches of the Association shall have the same power as the delegates.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper, and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 10. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for a general union of the churches; (2) to present inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; (3) to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) to inquire into the cause if the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) to appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose deemed proper; (6) to appoint any members, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see proper; (7) to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion; (8) to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. This form of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

LIST OF MISSIONARIES APPOINTED BY THE VARIOUS CHURCHES TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

Antioch—Mrs. S. J. Chavis and Mrs. June McNeil.

Mt. Olive—Mrs. S. A. Hammond, Mrs. A. J. Jacobs.

Reedy Branch—Mrs. Annah Brooks, Mrs. Josephine Hunt and Miss Pearl Clark.

Deep Branch—Miss Lucy O. Sampson and Miss Ella Sampson, Miss Zadie Sampson and Miss Margie Sampson.

Bear Swamp—Miss Mezennie Lowery, Miss Lucy M. Oxendine and Miss Ella J. Jacobs.

Mt. Airy—Miss Flora B. Oxendine, Miss Farella Locklear.

Harper's Ferry—Miss Etta B. Sanders, Miss Lizzie Deese, Miss Julia Deese and Mrs. Pollie Deese.

Piney Grove—Miss Lettie M. Hunt.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Post-Office	Clerk and Post-Office	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Mem- bership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch.....	W. G. Hunt, Lumberton, R. 2....	A. Chavis, St. Paul.....	2	\$1000 00	5	2	6	3	5	....	35	73	108
Bear Swamp.....	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke.....	E. D. Oxendine, Allington.....	1	1500 00	7	1	1	....	....	2	32	69	101
Bethel Hill.....	A. T. Taylor, Raynham, R. 1....	W. H. Emanuel, Rennett.....	1	1000 00	5	....	5	1	....	1	28	31	59
Deep Branch.....	H. E. Coleman, Cristia, U. A....	R. B. Sampson, Lumberton, R. 6	6	1000 00	7	....	....	....	1	2	17	44	61
Gray Pond.....	P. P. Locklear, Bule, R. 1.....	John D. Chavis, Maxton.....	4	500 00	....	....	....	2	....	1	14	15	29
Harper's Ferry.....	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke.....	J. R. Sanders, Raynham, R. 1....	3	1000 00	15	....	7	....	1	2	21	44	65
Mt. Moriah.....	P. P. Locklear, Bule, R. 1.....	Ell Chavis, Lumberton, R. 1....	3	500 00	5	....	3	1	2	1	16	46	62
Mt. Olive.....	A. T. Taylor, Raynham, R. 1....	G. W. Locklear, Bule, R. 1.....	2	2000 00	21	2	3	1	....	2	40	81	121
Mt. Airy.....	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke.....	N. A. Lowery, Bule, R. 1.....	2, 4	2500 00	16	1	8	....	11	1	66	44	110
Pleasant View.....	Z. R. Chavis, Pembroke.....	O. B. Barnes, Fairmont.....	2	500 00	24	1	2	1	5	1	20	40	60
Piney Grove.....	C. E. Locklear, Bule, R. 1.....	S. M. Oxendine, Fairmont, R. 2.	2-4	1000 00	26	....	12	2	2	....	16	86	102
Oak Grove.....	J. F. Bell, Lumberton, R. 3....	Guss Bowen, Laurinburg.....	1	1000 00	8	....	5	....	3	....	28	68	96
Reedy Branch.....	C. E. Locklear, Bule, R. 1.....	B. E. Jacobs, Fairmont, R. 3....	1, 3	3000 00	15	1	8	12	6	76	193	269
St. Peter.....	Z. R. Chavis, Pembroke.....	M. J. Oxendine, Rowland.....	3	250 00	6	5	10	23	33

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OF THE

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Burnt Swamp Missionary
Baptist Association

OF THE

CHEROKEE INDIANS OF ROBESON COUNTY

NOVEMBER the 2nd, 3rd. and 4th, 1922

The next session will be held at Harpers Ferry
Church, November the 1st, 1923. --

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator, Rev. J. J. Bell	R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
Clerk and Treasurer, L. W. Jacobs	R. 3, Lumberton, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

S. S. Lowry	Buie, N. C.
*W. J. Sampson	R. 6, Lumberton, N. C.
J. J. Bell	R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
J. J. Chavis	Pembroke, N. C.
*J. E. Hunt	R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
J. C. Clark	R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
*W. G. Hunt	R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
*I. W. Jacobs	R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
*Z. R. Chavis	R. 1, Pembroke, N. C.
*P. P. Locklear	R. 1, Buie, N. C.
E. F. Wariax	R. 1, Buie, N. C.
W. M. Hammond	R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
*A. T. Taylor	R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
J. W. Huggins	R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
Andrew Bell	St. Pauls, N. C.
*C. E. Locklear	Fairmont, N. C.
*S. A. Hammond	R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
L. A. Maynor	R. 1, Buie, N. C.

Reported pastors in this Association marked thus *

LICENTIATES

Geo. L. Chavis	R.F.D., Raynham, N. C.
R. H. Carter	Fairmont, N. C.
J. D. Locklear	R. 1, Buie, N. C.
Hugh Smith	Rennert, N. C.
Cary Locklear	Hasty, N. C.
C. H. Bell	Fairmont, N. C.
A. D. Jacobs	Hasty, N. C.
W. D. Locklear	Hasty, N. C.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Richard Hardin
W. W. Blanks
J. W. Chavis
Lacy Cummins
McDuffie Cummins
Claudy Lowry
D. L. Lowry
J. L. Hammonds
S. V. Emanuel
John Hunt
Branson Chavis
Gwinnie Barns
T. C. Cummins
G. W. Locklear
Chesley Maynor
A. N. Locklear
J. R. Sanders
I. M. Chavis
J. R. Oxendine
A. J. Jacobs

Warner Dial
E. Sampson
Robt. Sampson
Oliver Sampson
J. O. Brooks
J. J. Oxendine
J. L. Bell
Gaiti Oxendine
Johnny Cummins
W. H. Holmes
Thomas Sanderson
W. G. Locklear
D. A. Locklear
Trussie Locklear
Richard Chavis
S. M. Oxendine
Ozro Hammonds
Ezra Barns
Harrison Chavis
Sandy Chavis
L. D. Chavis

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November 2nd, 1922.

The Forty-fourth annual session of the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association was held at Reedy Branch Church, beginning Thursday, November the 2nd, 1922.

At 11:00 a. m., prayer service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Clark, after which Rev. J. J. Bell preached the introductory sermon. Text: 11th verse of Jude: "Woe unto them for they have gone in the way of Cain and ran greedily after error of Balaam for reward and perished in the gainsaying of Core." Hymn No. 223 in the Gospel Hymn book was sung to S. M., led by Rev. J. C. Clark and prayer was offered by Bro. A. N. Locklear.

12 o'clock. Noon recess.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 p. m. the Association was called by the Moderator. The 37th Psalm was read by the Moderator. Hymn No. 711 was sung by Rev. A. T. Taylor. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. A. Hammond.

The roll of churches were called and all were present but one; the absent church being Mt. Moriah.

On motion, Bros. J. O. Brooks, and Geo. Locklear were appointed as finance committee.

The letters from the various churches were called for and were read by the Secretary. On motion, all letters were received except the petition letters and delegates names enrolled and called.

The Moderator declared Association in order for business, and extended an invitation to visiting brethren and newly constituted churches. The Association then proceeded with the organization. Rev. J. J. Bell was reelected Moderator for 1923 and L. W. Jacobs, Clerk and Treas.

The Association then proceeded in its general business. A committee of arrangements were appointed consisting of C. E. Locklear, J. L. Bell and J. J. Oxendine.

On motion, the program was taken up and various topics discussed. 1st topic was Sunday School. Rev. E. F. Wariax having been assigned to discuss the topic, but was absent. Rev. S. A. Hammond was called to fill the vacancy. Rev. Mr. Hammond responded and made a well weighted speech on

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the subject of Sunday School. Rev. A. N. Locklear and Rev. J. G. Clark also took part in discussing the topic. The Secretary was asked to write up a report on Sunday School.

Bros. Gaiti Oxendine and David Locklear were excused for the remaining part of the session on account of sickness.

On motion, we called off until Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Song No. 911 was sung in C. M., led by Bro. Geo. Locklear and prayer was offered by Rev. A. T. Taylor.

7:30, p. m. The congregation reassembled for evening service. After a short song service which was conducted by Bro. L. J. Bell. Rev. Hunt spoke heartily from the 4th chapter of St. Luke and the 43rd verse. Text: Therefore I am sent, after which, and Can I Yet Delay was sung by Rev. S. A. Hammond. At this time a charitable offering was taken up for Bro. S. B. Hunt, a member of Reedy Branch church who had been sick for some time. Amount received, \$7.00. Rev. J. C. Clark then Made some remarks along with the subject which had been discussed, and Rev. J. E. Hunt announced the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 10 a. m. prayer and praise service was conducted by Bro. A. N. Locklear.

At 10:30 a. m., the Moderator declared the house ready for business. After reading the 6th chapter of Galations, Hymn No. 988 was sung in C. M. by Rev. A. T. Taylor. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren and newly constituted churches. At which time the Bethany Church presented a petition for admittance in the Association and was received and delegate's names enrolled, and the right-hand of welcome given the delegates by the Moderator.

The letter from Deep Branch Church was also read and received.

The report on Christian Education was read by Bro. A. N. Locklear, was discussed by A. N. Locklear and then adopted. (Report Received.)

The Association then called off for preaching service. song, Children of the Heavenly King was sung by J. W. Hugins. Rev. J. E. Hunt then preached a well-balanced sermon from the 1st Chapter and 11th verse of Joshua. Text: Pass through the host and command the people saying prepare you victuals for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan,

to go into to possess the land, which the Lord your God giveth you to possess it. Prayer was then offered by Rev. C. C. Lowry.

12:00, noon recess.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30, p. m. The Association reassembled for its afternoon session. Hymn No. 350 was sung to S. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Huggins.

The report on Temperance was called for. The report was prepared by L. W. Jacobs. Was discussed by L. W. Jacobs, S. A. Hammond and A. N. Locklear and was adopted.

Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lumberton was introduced by the Moderator. Mr. Durham took the floor and made a very deliberate speech on Baptist Doctrines and the work of the State Baptist Convention.

On motion, that a delegate was appointed consisting of Bros. W. D. Oxendine, A. N. Locklear, T. C. Cummings, A. J. Jacobs, E. Sampson, Matthew Jacobs, J. O. Brooks, David Locklear and J. R. Oxendine with the preachers to meet at Mt. Airy church with the committee appointed by the State Baptist Convention.

On motion, the location of the next Association be taken up and was located with Harpers Ferry church, beginning Thursday, November the 1st, 1923. The committee of arrangements made their report as follows: Preaching to-night by Rev. L. A. Maynor, and tomorrow night by Rev. S. A. Hammond.

One article of amendment were offered by a committee, and was passed. (See Constitution, for amendments.)

The following resolutions were offered and passed favorable: 1st, That no church in this Association shall be allowed to call to her pastoral care, any minister who wilfully neglects attending the Unions and Association. 2nd, that any church violating the above resolution will be charged of deviating from the rules of the Association and will be subject to a committee appointed by the Association to investigate the cause.

A short talk was then made by the Moderator. Hymn 336 was sung by Bro. C. H. Bell.

After the benediction was announced by L. W. Jacobs, the Association called off until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

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FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 P. M., the congregation reassembled. After a short while in song and praise service, prayer was offered by Bro. W. B. Lowry. Rev. L. A. Maynor responded according to the programme and preached a delightful sermon from the 1st chapter of Acts, and 8th verse. But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Music was rendered by the congregation. Prayer was then offered by Bro. B. A. Hunt. Bro. W. B. Lowry then made a short talk on Christian duties. Prayer was offered by Bro. Noah Stricklin. Benediction was announced by Rev. J. C. Clark.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

10 A. M., prayer service was conducted by Bro. Hughe Smith, 10:30 a. m., the Moderator read the 10th chapter of St. Luke. Song was led by Rev. A. T. Taylor. Prayer was offered by Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

Names of delegates were called and a majority were present. Minutes of Fridays' session were read and received.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting brethren, corresponding messengers and newly constitute churches. Rev. J. K. Henderson was made welcome to a seat in the Association. The subject of periodicals was discussed by Bros. W. D. Oxendine, J. K. Henderson and A. N. Locklear.

11:30, S. A. Hammond preached a very deliberate sermon from the 15th chapter of John and 5th verse. I am the vine and ye are the branches. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

12:00. noon recess.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:15 the Association was called to order by the Moderator. After song and prayer by J. C. Clark, the Moderator declared the house ready for business. The subject of prayer meeting was discussed by A. T. Taylor, S. A. Hammond and A. N. Locklear.

The Committee on Arrangement made the following report which was received and committee discharged: Preaching tonight at 7:30, p. m., by J. W. Jacobs and tomorrow by Rev. J. H. Henderson.

The Executive Board made the following report which

was received and the Board reelected: We, the Executive Board of this Association beg to make the following report: We have completed the residence on the land given for Christian Training School building at Pembroke and it is now occupied by Mr J. K. Henderson who has charge of the work. Not having sufficient funds to complete a school building, we have suspended the work for awhile until we raise more money.

J. J. BELL,
A. CHAVIS,
J. C. CLARK,
F. L. LOCKLEAR
L. W. JACOBS,

Executive Board.

The Treasurer of the Educational Board made the following report, which was received:

Had on hand at the beginning of the year	
Nov. 2, 1921 -----	\$ 721.22
Received this year -----	621.62
Total, -----	<hr/> \$1,334.84
Paid out -----	920.10
Balance on hand -----	<hr/> \$ 414.74

F. L. LOCKLEAR, Treas.

The Treasurer of the Association made the following report which was received:

Received at the beginning of the year. Nov. 2, 1922	
for Minute Fund -----	\$65.65
Paid to Clerk -----	25.00
Paid for Minutes -----	45.00
Balance due -----	<hr/> \$ 4.45

L. W. JACOBS, Treas.

On motion, a vote of thanks was given to the pastor of the church and community of Reedy Church for their kindness and generous hospitality shown in entertaining the Association.

The Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of Minutes printed.

On motion, all unfinished business be left with the Moderator and Clerk.

The Minutes were read and received.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1923.

After some remarks by the Moderator to the preachers and delegates; thanking them for their cooperation during the session. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. J. Bell. The Association then called off to meet with Harpers Ferry Thursday November 1st, 1923.

REV. J. J. BELL, MODERATOR.

L. W. JACOBS, CLERK.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30, after some congregational singing. L. W. Jacobs preached from the 6th chapter of Matt. and 6th verse.

Sunday morning after a very interesting Sunday School, Rev. J. K. Henderson preached a heart-felt sermon from the 4th chapter of Ephesians and 20th and 21st verses. "But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus."

PROGRAMME FOR 1923.

THURSDAY—11:00 a. m., Annual Sermon by S. A. Hammond.

1:00 p. m., Organization.

2:30 p. m., Sunday Schools—A. N. Locklear.

3:15 p. m., Missions—Rev. J. E. Hunt.

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10:30 a. m., Christian Education—C. E. Locklear.

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10:30 a. m., Prayer Meeting—W. B. Lowry.

1:00 p. m., General Business.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

This being quite a new subject to us, we purpose to make our report short.

The word is compound, being composed to two Words—Christian and Education. We are so well acquainted with these two familiar words, repeating and hearing them repeated every day of our lives, till we, unthoughtedly perhaps, suppose everybody to know all about them, and yet, the definition of these words are so grand, so pure, so joyful, so progressive, so deep, and high, that only they that possess these

powers are able to explain a part of their meaning and use.

Christian Education then may mean, to prepare a people to do intelligent service for Christ. If this meaning is satisfactory, then we are the people who need Christian Education.

We need this Christian Education on our farms, in our homes, in our Sunday Schools, in our prayer meetings, and, pardon me if I say, we need it in the Moderator's chair and in the pulpit.

We have planted the seed of Christian Education and we trust that but let us give it our means and our prayer. This effort no doubt will prove a net, for the ingathering of many souls to Christ's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. LOCKLEAR, Committee.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The word MISSION means an act of sending or being sent.

Jesus said to his disciples "Go." This denotes action, and that is what he is saying to us today.

There is a great demand in our state for missions. And the question that comes to us today is "Are we willing to serve?" We should imitate the great apostle Paul who said "I am ready."

Not only is there a great demand for missions in our state but there is a demand all over the United States. And we are glad of the work that the Home Mission Board is doing to help Christianize the world, and of the appropriation that it has made for the Indians of Robeson County.

We learn from the report of the Home Mission Board made to the Southern Baptist Convention that it has made a record of wonderful achievements during the past year. The Million dollar mark was reached in the church building loan fund, which is loaned to church organizations for the erection of church buildings.

It was the greatest year in soul saving and the enlistment of forces in the Kingdom. There was last year under the employment of the Board independent and cooperative workers, a total of 1,188 missionaries who delivered 165,445 sermons and addresses and supplied 3,131 churches, and missions, made 236,992 religious visits baptized 36,164 converts, received 83,901 additions to the churches, organized 308 churches, built or improved 456 houses of worship, organized 786 Sunday Schools, and did a vast work of personal visitation among the sick.

What a mighty work is being done through this great agency of the Southern Baptists! Surely the Lord of Hosts is with us making bare his arms in the salvation of souls.

God works through men and our opportunities to serve are only limited by our willingness to serve.

Then it is our duty to back up this great work by giving of our means.

There is a great foreign mission field for us to work in. There are places where the people are still in heathenism and have never heard the gospel. Out of 462 missionaries supported by the Foreign Mission Board 253 are in China. But what is that? to a country with a population about four times as large as that of the United States. Our foreign mission force should be strengthened and it is for us to say how much.

We should have the spirit that Isaiah had when he said "Here am I, send me, send me."

Oh! hear the cry of the lonely and distressed saying "Come and help us." If we can't go in person we can go through our means. Then may we do more and give more to this great cause than ever before.

Respectfully submitted, --

REV. C. E. LOCKLEAR.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren: It is with pleasure that I present the following report on Sunday Schools:

We as Christians should encourage everybody, and especially our children to attend Sunday School. And the best way to do this is to attend Sunday School regular ourselves. The great object of Sunday School is to learn and teach the Bible which is God's Word. We should all attend Sunday School until it becomes a habit. And by all means carry our children that they may learn God's Word while they are young.

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Therefore, I recommend that each church of this Association shall organize and maintain a Sunday School at each church. I also recommend that each pastor and local preacher of this Association will use their influence both in public and private to secure this end.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. HAMMOND.

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					By letter	By Baptism	By Restoration	By letter	By Exclusion	By Deaths	No. of Males	No. of Females	
Antioch	W. G. Hunt.	W. D. Carter, St. Paul.	1	\$1500	1	6	8	4	2	138	72	110	
Bear Swamp	L. W. Jacobs	E. D. Oxendine, Allenton	1	1500	4	19	9	0	2	238	99	187	
Bethel Hill	A. T. Taylor	J. A. Bell, Rennert	1	600	1	8	0	1	5	0	34	32	66
Deep Branch	S. A. Hammond	E. Sampson, Lumberton, B 6	2-1	2000	0	6	8	0	8	0	21	46	67
Gray Pond	W. J. Sampson.	W. H. Chavis, Maxton	4	500	0	4	0	0	0	0	18	19	32
Harpers Ferry	L. W. Jacobs	A. N. Locklear, Pates	8	1000	5	89	1	0	2	0	44	66	110
Mt. Moriah	P. P. Locklear												
Mt. Olive	L. W. Jacobs	G. L. Locklear, Lumberton	2	2000	0	2	0	8	2	1	87	76	116
Mt. Airy	L. W. Jacobs	N. A. Lowry, Pembroke	2-4	2500	8	5	11	0	0	0	151	70	121
Pleasant View	J. E. Hunt	J. W. Sampson	4	600	4	7	8	1	3	1	124	89	63
Oak Grove	S. A. Hammond	Gussie Brown, Laurinburg	1	1000	1	7	2	9	8	2	29	71	100
Reedy Branch	C. E. Locklear	J. J. Oxendine	1-8	3000	1	29	17	9	17	2	83	201	284
St. Peter	Z. R. Chavis	P. Chavis, Rowland	1	250	0	5	2	0	0	0	15	38	48
Piney Grove	C. E. Locklear	Ozro Hammond	2	1000	0	13	8	0	10	1	18	100	118
Bethany	W. J. Sampson.	W. H. Holmes	2	1500	6	12	6	0	2	0	21	24	45

TABLE II—FINANCIAL.

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	Pastors Salary	Buildings and Repairs.	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects.	Home Missions	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Hospitals	Grand Total
Antioch	\$131 10			\$17 52	\$ 6 36	\$5 00			\$20 00			\$180 18
Bear Swamp	88 00			18 00	44 12	3 00			12 75			166 75
Bethel Hill	70 34			10 00	5 00	4 00			5 00			96 34
Deep Branch	207 25			13 00		3 00			7 00			238 33
Gray Pond	75 00					1 00			1 00			77 00
Harpers Ferry	107 57	15 00	8 00	30 00	75 87	3 00			23 50	4 00		267 34
Mt. Airy	200 00	8 56		52 34	87 70	4 00	6 10		25 99			278 35
Mt. Olive	127 15			39 20	31 40	6 50						202 85
Pleasant View	100 00	100 00		22 50		3 25	75 00				10 00	310 85
Piney Grove	150 00	30 00		25 00		2 00			28 02			238 02
Oak Grove	125 00				28 61	3 70	17 95		8 00			178 06
Ready Branch	200 00	47 49	39 95	39 41	55 98	5 00	9 77		38 48	66 49	10 80	563 18
St. Peter				4 50		2 00						6 50
Bethany						3 00						

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	Superintendent and Post Office	Secretary and Post Office	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	School Expenses	Missions	No. Baptized	Church members in Sunday School.	Total Contributions
Antioch	A. Carter, St. Pauls	W. D. Carter, St. Pauls	8	74	82	\$17 10	1 00	8	82	\$24 50
Pear Swamp	E. D. Jacobs, Pembroke	Claud Lowry	7	65	72	18 00				46 25
Bethel Hill	D. L. Lowry, Lumberton	Lottie Emanuel	4	75	79	10 00		8	80	10 00
Deep Branch	Jas. Sampson, Lumberton	Lucy Sampson	6	60	66	13 08		5	28	13 08
Gray Pond	A. C. Chavis, Maxton	Sandy Chavis	2	14	16			2		
Harpers Ferry	E. V. Hunt, Pembroke	Rosco Locklear	10	92	102	30 00				33 15
Mt. Olive	F. L. Locklear, Lumberton	Dollie Locklear	8	146	152	38 41				38 81
Mt. Airy	W. D. Oxendine, Buie	G. W. Locklear	16	130	146	52 14		8 15	39	52 84
Pleasant View	John Hunt, Fairmont	J. W. Sampson	1	83	101	26 16				26 06
Piney Grove	Ozro Hammond	N. H. Hunt	11	121	132	31 13		7	40	31 48
Reedy Branch	W. C. Rogers, McDonald	Pearlie Clark	12	136	235	47 13		41	78	114 86
St. Peter	John Cummins, Rowland	P. Chavis	4	25	35	4 10		3	15	4 50
Bethany	G. L. Lowry, Lumberton	Mary Griffin	3	50	55	25 00		7	21	25 00

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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OF THE
BURNT SWAMP MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF THE
CHEROKEE INDIANS OF ROBESON COUNTY
HELD AT HARPERS FERRY
November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1923.



The next session will be held at Mt. Airy, October 30th;
November 2nd, 1924.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator, W. D. Oxendine -----	R. 1, Buies, N. C.
Clerk and treasurer, L. W. Jacobs -----	Pembroke, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

T. H. Hammond -----	Rennert, N. C.
S. S. Lowry -----	Pates, N. C.
W. J. Sampson -----	R. 6, Lumberton, N. C.
J. J. Bell -----	R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
S. J. Chavis -----	Pembroke, N. C.
J. E. Hunt -----	R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
J. C. Clark -----	R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
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P. P. Locklear -----	R. 1, Buies, N. C.
E. F. Wariax -----	R. 1, Buies, N. C.
W. M. Hammond -----	R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.
A. F. Taylor -----	Fairmont, N. C.
J. W. Huggins -----	R. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
Andrew Bell -----	St. Pauls, N. C.
C. E. Locklear -----	Pembroke, N. C.
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L. A. Maynor -----	R. 1, Buies, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Geo. Chavis -----	R. 1, Raynham, N. C.
R. H. Carter -----	Fairmont, N. C.
J. D. Locklear -----	R. 1, Buies, N. C.
Hughe Smith -----	Rennert, N. C.
Cary Locklear -----	Hasty, N. C.
C. H. Bell -----	Fairmont, N. C.
R. B. Jacobs -----	Elrod, N. C.
W. D. Locklear -----	Hasty, N. C.
Jeremiah Jacobs -----	Rennert, N. C.
Junious Jacobs -----	Pembroke, N. C.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

A. Carter
A. Chavis
B. D. Chavis
C. J. Chavis
J. C. Oxendine
B. W. Lowry
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J. L. Hammonds
E. J. Emanuel
E. S. Sampson
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John Chavis
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Jessie Jones
M. C. Chavis
Willie Jacobs
A. N. Locklear
Floyd L. Locklear
Duncan Bell
Luther Hunt
Fuller Locklear
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John Hunt
Ervin Hunt
J. H. Jacobs
Archie Lowry
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Gadie Oxendine
Johnny Hunt
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K. B. Hunt
Ervin Hunt
Grady Canada
Kinnie Smith
Robert Hardin
J. L. Hagans
Dee Fields
Joe Fields

PROCEEDINGS

November 1st, 1923.

The Forty-Fifth annual session of the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association was held at Harpers Ferry Church, beginning Thursday November the 1st, 1923.

Devotional exercises was conducted by J. C. Clark, followed by S. A. Hammond, who preached the annual sermon, text 51st Psalm, 12th and 13th verses. "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit, then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; sinners shall be converted unto Thee." Prayer was then offered by A. N. Locklear.

12 o'clock. Noon recess.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association assembled at 1:00 P. M., and after a song service, was led in prayer by L. W. Jacobs.

The roll of churches was called and all were present except two, Oak Grove and Bethany.

E. Sampson and C. E. Locklear were appointed finance committee. The letters from various churches were called for and read by the Clerk. The letters were all received except the petitions; and delegates names enrolled.

J. J. Bell, Moderator of the previous session, called the Association to order; and gave an invitation to visiting brethren; and newly constituted churches; At this time Ten Mile Center presented an application for membership in the Association. The application was received, and the right hand of welcome was given her delegates by the Moderator. Smyrna Church also presented an application which was received and right hand of welcome given her delegates.

Dr. Henings a field worker of the Southern Baptist Convention was made welcome in the Association; Dr. Henning was asked to make an address to the Association, he responded with pleasure and filled the hearts of the people with new courage in Christian education, which he took for his subject.

A. N. Locklear, Mc. Chavis, and Willie Jacobs was appointed committee of arrangements. The following report was made by the committee preaching Friday at 11:30 A. M. by Dr. Henning.

Adjourned with benediction by J. J. Bell.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises conducted by J. C. Clark. 3rd chapter of Ephesians was read by the Moderator for the morning lesson. Prayer was offered by Willie Jacobs. Proceedings of Thursday's session was read and received. The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

W. D. Oxendine was elected Moderator for the year 1924, and L. W. Jacobs re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Elder H. H. Lowry, of the Lumbee River Methodist Conference was made welcome in the Association.

On motion, A. N. Locklear, Geo. Chavis and G. W. Locklear was appointed programme committee.

The programme was taken up and various topics discussed. Report on Sunday School was prepared by A. N. Locklear, and read by the Clerk. The report was discussed by A. N. Locklear and adopted.

Report on Missions was prepared by J. E. Hunt. The report was discussed by J. E. Hunt and adopted.

Report on Christian education was prepared by C. E. Locklear. The report was discussed by C. E. Locklear, J. K. Henderson and J. J. Bell and adopted.

Dr. Henning at this time responded according to the programme and preached a soul stirring sermon from the 2nd chapter of Luke and the 7th verse; text, "Because there was no room for them in the inn."

Prayer was offered by J. K. Henderson; and an intermission was given.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator being called away on business, J. J. Bell former Moderator filled the chair. Song, "There is a Land of Pure Delight" was sung and J. C. Clark led in prayer.

Report on Temperance was prepared by S. A. Hammond. The report was discussed by S. A. Hammond and A. N. Locklear and adopted.

Report on Periodicals was prepared by L. W. Jacobs. The report was discussed by J. K. Henderson and adopted.

The committee of arrangements made the following report: Preaching Saturday 11:00 A. M. by J. K. Henderson.

Song "Oh for a Closer Walk with God" was sung. Benediction by G. W. Hunt.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

10:30, devotional exercises were conducted by Thomas H. Oxendine, followed by the Moderator reading part of the 16th chapter of St. John. Prayer was offered by J. J. Bell.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

On motion, we pay the clerk \$25.00 for service.

The Clerk was ordered to have 400 copies of Minutes printed.

Report on prayer meeting was prepared by B. W. Lowry, was discussed by B. W. Lowry and adopted.

The Executive Board made their report and was received. The Board was reelected with the exception of A. Chavis, who offered his resignation which was accepted and A. N. Locklear was elected member of the Board.

The various treasurers made their reports and were received. On motion, Fuller Locklear was reelected treasurer of the Board of education.

The programme committee made their report and was received.

A charitable offering of \$13.58 was made to Mrs. Jordan Chavis wife of the late Rev. Jordan Chavis.

11:15. J. K. Henderson preached from the 11th chapter of Hebrews; 24, 25 and 26, verses. W. D. Oxendine led in prayer.

12:00 noon recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:00. Song, "Must Jesus bear the Cross Alone" was sung and L. A. Maynor led the prayer.

The finance committee made the following report:

Received for Christian education	-----\$1,245.26
Received for Minute fund	-----\$ 64.36
Received for the poor	-----\$ 13.60

Total,	-----\$1,323.22
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On motion, a vote of thanks was given to the pastor and Harpers Ferry church for their kindness and hospitality shown in entertaining the Association.

On motion, J. K. Henderson will preach the closing sermon tomorrow.

After singing "Children of the Heavenly King" the Association adjourned with benediction by J. J. Bell, to meet with Mount Airy Church, Oct. 30th, Nov. 2, 1924.

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REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian edutation, is training in Christian Religion.

The Scribe in the Kingdom of heaven is like a man who goes into his store house and brings out things new and old. In that saying Jesus places his approval on all the old truth, and on any newly discovered truths as well.

The scribe was a very learned person, he knew his job. That's what we need today, men who have prepared themselves to preach and teach others the way of God.

The law of the teacher is to know that which he would teach. Then if one does not know, he is likely to teach something untrue and invite spiritual disaster for himself and those who follow him.

Paul said to Timothy, "Study to show thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." So it requires some effort to prepare.

We have too many places for people to display their ignorance besides in the Sunday School and pulpit. The glorious privilege of teaching and preaching is well worth the effort to prepare for it at any cost.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. LOCKLEAR, Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance means habitual moderation and control in the indulgence of the appetite and passions, in other words self-control.

Temperance put wood on the fire, meal in the barrel, flour in the tub, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the home, clothes on the back, and vigor in the body. To be patient, and kind.

We must be temperate. Dear Christians do all you can to blot out the evil of intemperance from among our people.

SONG OF THE RYE.

Make me up in loaves,
And your children are fed,
But into drink,
I'll starve them instead.
In bread I'm a servant,
The eater shall rule,
In drink I am master,
The drinker a fool.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. HAMMOND, Committee.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

By the word Missions, we mean to go or send. The greatest mission in all the world is to help seek and save a sinner from DEATH.

We can all be missionaries near by or far off, but let us not forget the proper place to begin this all important work—at Home.

There is no better way for us to try out ourselves as Missionaries for the present than the soliciting of funds for a Christian training school.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. J. E. HUNT, Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There is nothing more important to the community than the Sunday School. The Sunday School is the child's society and the Father's and mother's continual resort. The Sunday School is the hope of the future Church.

Every community having a good Sunday School, has hope of a prosperous Church.

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Art. 12. This form of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

TABLE II—FINANCIAL.

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary.	Other Salaries.	Ministerial Help.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	S. S. & B. Y. P. U. Expenses.	Local Poor.	Minute Fund, etc.	Other Objects.	HOME TOTAL.	Home Missions.	State and Asso- cational Missions.	Christian Education.	Hospitals.	Other Ben- evolences.	GRAND TOTAL.
Antioch.	\$70 00		\$18 00			\$20 10	\$11 00	\$5 00		\$124 10			20 00		\$36 10	\$170 10
Bear Swamp	130 00			21 00			26 83			177 83	4 00		151 00			333 83
Bethel Hill	78 00		20 00	65 00			13 78	4 00		180 78			8 00			188 78
Bethany																
Deep Branch	91 42					12 31		2 60		94 02	9 93		150 00			277 36
Gray Pond	75 00			70 00				1 00		146 00	1 00					147 00
Harpers Ferry	130 00					40 00	35 00	5 00		205 00			315 00			520 00
Mt. Moriah								5 00								
Mt. Olive	137 90		17 25	50 00		41 33	25 00	5 30	13 10	248 55	7 10		100 00			355 55
Mt. Airy	245 00				10 00	59 66	60 65	7 00	25 25	407 56	4 00		320 00			731 56
Oak Grove	125 00	19 05	26 34	73 25		38 00										
Pleasant View	125 00	19 05	25 34	73 25		38 00				281 64	10 00	2 00	76 00	8 00	48 49	394 42
Piney Grove	100 00		15 00			33 42	60 00	2 50		200 92						200 92
Reedy Branch	200 00	10 77	24 50	30 05	2 10	41 46	47 27	7 50	62 15	446 82			101 51			548 83
St. Peter	45 00			97 43			22 00	2 85		169 28						169 28
Smyrnia	223 00															
Ten Mile Center	75 00	10 00		600 00				2 00		587 00			6 00			



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MINUTES
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FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
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BURNT SWAMP MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH MT. AIRY CHURCH

Beginning Oct. 30th, and ending No. 2nd, 1924.

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The next Annual Session of the Association will be held with
the Church at Bear Swamp, beginning Oct. ~~31~~, to ~~No. 2~~, 1925.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION


W. D. Oxendine -----	R. 1, Buie, N. C.
A. N. Locklear, -----	Pates, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. J. J. Bell -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. S. J. Chavis -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. W. A. Bell -----	St. Paul, N. C.
Rev. Z. R. Chavis -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. S. A. Maynor, -----	Buie, N. C.
Rev. W. J. Sampson -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Clark -----	Fairmont, N. C.
Rev. Z. R. Brooks -----	Raynham, N. C.
Rev. S. S. Lowry -----	Pates, N. C.
Rev. P. P. Lowry -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. E. F. Warwick -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Wm. Hammons -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. S. A. Hammons -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. C. E. Locklear -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. J. E. Hunt -----	Fairmont, N. C.
Rev. W. G. Hunt -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. L. W. Jacobs -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. A. T. Taylor -----	Fairmont, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Huggins -----	Fairmont, N. C.

LICENTIATES

R. H. Carter -----	Fairmont, N. C.
C. H. Bell -----	Fairmont, N. C.
W. P. Stricklan -----	Raynham, N. C.
Geo. J. Chavis -----	Raynham, N. C.
J. D. Locklear -----	Buie, N. C.
Hugh Smith -----	Rennert, N. C.
Cary Locklear -----	Hasty, N. C.
R. B. Jacobs -----	Hasty, N. C.
W. D. Locklear -----	Rennert, N. C.
Jeremiah Jacobs -----	Rennert, N. C.
Junious Jacobs -----	Pembroke, N. C.

 There are 23 Subscribers to the "Biblical Recorder" in this Association. AM I ONE?

ROLL OF DELIGATES

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| 1. G. W. Locklear | 26. Martin Locklear |
| 2. W. D. Carter | 27. S. J. Stricklan |
| 3. C. W. Oxendine | 28. Clifton Hunt |
| 4. Claud Lowry | 29. John Hunt |
| 5. M. A. Jacobs | 30. John W. Sampson |
| 6. J. F. Oxendine | 31. W. O. Hammons |
| 7. Everet Sampson | 32. S. M. Oxendine |
| 8. James Sampson | 33. K. B. Hunt |
| 9. Oliver Sampson | 34. John Bell |
| 10. J. C. Chavis | 35. E. D. Lowry |
| 11. A. C. Chavis | 36. Oscar Hunt |
| 12. Sandy J. Chavis | 37. A. B. Carter |
| 13. M. C. Chavis | 38. J. E. Hammons |
| 14. Willie Jacobs | 39. J. T. Hagans |
| 15. A. N. Locklear | 40. Grady Canady |
| 16. Floyd L. Locklear | 41. Richard Harden |
| 17. Duncan Bell | 42. Willie Blanks |
| 18. Oliver Hunt | 43. Richard Cummings |
| 19. Fuller L. Locklear | 44. H. A. Morgan |
| 20. W. R. Locklear | 45. A. R. Chavis |
| 21. A. J. Jacobs | 46. Manning Jones |
| 22. W. D. Oxendine | 47. Lunnie Locklear |
| 23. R. D. Locklear | 48. Charlie Hammons |
| 24. T. C. Cummings | 49. E. J. Emanuel |
| 25. W. D. Locklear | 50. Dannie Chavis |

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met with the Church at Mt. Airy, October 30th, 1924.

The Devotional exercise was conducted by Bro. T. C. Cummings.

At 11:00 o'clock, A. M., Rev. J. C. Clark preached the Annual, or Introductory Sermon. Bro. Clark read for a lesson the 68th chapter of Psalms. Song No. 368 was sung. Text words from Mark, 4:8, "And others fell on good ground and did yield fruit, that sprang up and increased and brought forth thirty and some sixty and some a hundred." Prayer was offered by Bro. C. E. Locklear. Song, "What a friend we have in Jesus," was sung and the Association adjourned for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association assembled at 1:00 o'clock. After song service by Bro. T. C. Cummings, the Moderator read 12th chapter of Acts. Song, "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord," was sung, led by Bro. L. W. Jacobs and prayer was then offered by Rev. J. J. Bell.

The letters from the various churches were called for, read and received (except the petition letters) and delegate's names enrolled.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business, and extended an invitation to visiting friends and newly constituted churches.

The church at Rennert, Zion Hill, made application and was received and the right hand of fellowship was given to the delegates. The church at Pembroke made application for admittance which was granted and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates.

Bros. G. W. Locklear and W. G. Hunt was appointed finance Committee.

Bros. T. C. Cummings, G. W. Locklear and R. J. Locklear were appointed Committee of Arrangements.

Bros. J. J. Bell and S. A. Hammons were appointed Obituary Committee.

By motion, Bro. W. D. Oxendine was elected Moderator.

By motion, Bro. A. N. Locklear was elected Clerk.

By motion, Rev. L. W. Jacobs was elected Treasurer.

The Committee of Arrangements made their report which was received.

REPORT.

Preaching tonight 7:30 by Rev. S. A. Hammons. Friday noon by Rev. J. E. Hunt. Friday night by Rev. W. G. Hunt., Saturday night by Rev. P. P. Locklear.

T. C. CUMMINGS,

G. W. LOCKLEAR,

R. J. LOCKLEAR,

Committee of Arrangements.

By motion, the Program was taken up.

By motion, the Report on Periodicals was called for, and was read by Rev. J. J. Bell, same being discussed by Bro. Bell then adopted, with a recommendation to all the churches, to secure some member to solicit subscriptions for the "Biblical Recorder."

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is an age of reading. Everybody is calling for something to read. The press is wielding a greater influence than it ever has before. Every paper and book and magazine that is published has an influence for good or evil. The printing press is, perhaps, the greatest agency in the world for moulding sentiment and determining destiny. Like everything else it can be made a blessing or a curse. God has given it for His own glory and the good of man.

As Baptist people we must have a Baptist literature. If we have any principles that are worth holding, they are worth stating. If the world needs our message, it is important that we use this great opportunity to give to the world what God has given to us.

The Biblical Recorder is the paper of the North Carolina Baptist Convention. It has done excellent work and served the denomination faithfully in all its work. It is a good religious paper for all Baptists to read. We recommend it to all the pastors and to all the people of our Association.

We also recommend Home and Foreign Fields, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. It is an excellent monthly magazine which gives very interesting news of what is being done on all the mission fields at home and abroad. It frequently has good reports of what is being done among the Indians of the United States by the Home Mission Board.

Charity and Children, published at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, is always interesting and helpful and our people will find that they will be amply repaid if they will take it and read it.

There is much good Sunday School literature to be had from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. We recommend it to our people, and we hope that we all may become greatly strengthened by using it.

No people can be strong and useful unless they are informed and intelligent. And they can only gain information and intelligence by reading and study. To be sure, the Bible stands first and we should study it diligently to know its teachings and learn the will of God. And along with the study of the Bible, the reading of the papers and magazines recommended in this report will prove to be most helpful and enlightening. Let us take this literature and supply our homes with it and encourage our children to read it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BELL, Committee.

Bros. Willie Jacobs and J. O. Brooks and E. B. Sampson were appointed Program Committee. Song No. 71 was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Association assembled at 10:00 o'clock. Prayer was conducted by Bro. G. W. Locklear. Song, "I love thy Kingdom Lord," was sung and prayer was offered by Bro. T. H. Hammons.

The Moderator then read the 5th chapter of the first General Epistle of Peter, after which Rev. L. W. Jacobs snug, No. 4, "Just as I am without one plea." Prayer was then offered by Rev. P. P. Locklear.

The Moderator then declared the Association open and ready for business, and extended an Invitation to visiting friends an Newly Constituted Churches.

By motion, the program was taken up.

By motion, the report on Sunday School by H. T. Sampson, was read by Rev. L. W. Jacobs and discussed by Rev. C. E. Locklear and Rev. J. K. Henderson, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Sunday School is an organization of the church. It is an organization that should be nourished in every way possible for the betterment and progress of the future church. We have heard this Proverb, "The

boys of today are the men of tomorrow." We may apply it to our church work. The little girls and boys in Sunday School today, are the expected church workers of tomorrow. It is largely through the Sunday School that we expect them to come to know the Lord. It is the duty of us as parents, to give our sons and daughters the proper training to enable them to become model christian. How may we do this? Not by sending them to Sunday School but by going with them, and by so doing we show that we are Interested in them and the Sunday School.

The Sunday School is a Jewel, a very precious one; but so many of us pass it by as naught. A JEWEL. "If we knew when walking thoughtless, through the crowded dusty way, that a pearl of wondrous whiteness close beside our pathway lay; We would pause where now we hasten, We would stop and look around, Lest our careless feet would trample, some rare Jewel in the ground."

Let us ever afterwards remember that when we are careless and unconcerned about our Sunday School, that we are loosing on our own jewel—Life.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. SAMPSON, Committee.

We are glad at this to welcome Rev. C. C. Lowry of the Lumber River Methodist Conference to a seat with us.

The report on missions was then called for, which was produced and read by Rev. S. A. Hammons. The said report was discussed by Bro. Hammons, and then adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Missionary work is a divine enterprise, intrusted to the Church by our Lord Himself, not alone when he said to his disciples, that He would make them fishers of men, but when he said to them, just before His ascension, "As my father hath sent me, even so, send I you." And again when He gave His great commission, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature and lo I am with you always even unto the end."

The blessing of Heaven rests upon every true Missionary, and upon Missionary Churches.

Since the day when the scales fell from our soul's eyes, and he went forth a fire-brand for God, the Missionary work has met with all manner of assault from the enemy, but despite every hindrance it has triumphed. Famine, sword, nor pestilence can stop the onward march of the Missionary enterprise until every nation shall hear the blessed name of Jesus Christ.

Dear brethren of the Ministry, let's do all we can to send and carry the great message of Christ to our people. Action is what God wants, and if we will preach Mission, pray Mission and give for Mission, then the churches will do likewise.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. HAMMONS, Committee.

Song, "O, for a heart to praise my God." was sung, led by Bro. L. W. Jacobs. The Association then suspended regular business for the daily sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt.—Text, "Be of good cheer." It is I; Be not afraid, Matt. 14—27.

This sermon was excellent indeed and everybody seemed to enjoy it.

By motion, the Association adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association assembled at 1:15, P. M. Song, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" was sung, led by Bro. T. C. Cummings. By request of the Moderator, the congregation joined in singing, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," after which prayer was offered by the Clerk. The Roll of Delegates was then called. The program was taken up.

"The first topic was "Christian Education" by Rev. L. W. Jacobs. Bro. Jacobs led the discussion and was followed by Rev. J. K. Henderson, the Clerk and last, but not least by the Moderator, then adopted. A collection of \$51.35 was taken up for Christian Education.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

In discussing this subject, I am going to try to show the needs of Christian Education.

Nearly every worthy human enterprise today calls for men and women who have had some special training. There was a time when most any Christian worker who passed on the qualities of Spirituality and Consecration made a success in most any line of Christian work. That time has passed away. I do not mean to leave the impression that the vital qualities are not needed today, they are first and just as important as ever before; but to be a successful leader today a man must have something more than Spiritual quality and Consecration.

Within the last few years a great change has been made in our State; and the policy of Compulsory Education now being pushed forward in North Carolina, means that the next generation of our citizens will be better educated. This fact in turn means that our com-

munity, State and Nation, will require still more and better educated leaders, to fill our Pulpits, Sunday Schools and other church work. To help supply these Christian workers, we must look to and support the great cause which we have now begun. Therefore, we urge every Christian to open his heart and purse to our nearest and greatest hope to meet this demand—The Christian Training School.

L. W. JACOBS, Committee.

The song, "There's a Union in Heaven Where I Belong" was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. K. Henderson.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 10:00 o'clock. Prayer and praise service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Clark. The Moderator read the 23rd chapter of Psalms. Song 482 was sung, and prayer was offered by Bro. R. B. Jacobs.

The Roll was omitted. The proceedings of yesterday were read and received. The Moderator declared the Association ready for general business and extended an Invitation to visiting friends and newly constituted Churches. We were glad at this time to welcome Bro. J. R. Lowry of the Lumber River Methodist Conference to a seat with us.

By motion, the Program was taken up.

The first subject taken up was Prayer Meeting by Bro. G. J. Chavis. The topic was discussed by Bro. Chavis and adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

Prayer Meeting is a union of prayers united, by which all saints receive comfort in this land of trouble. Prayer is not a speech, but the contrite sinner's voice returning from his ways, while Angels in their songs rejoice and "behold he prays." "Prayer is the Soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed; The motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast."

Prayer Meeting is a Union of such.

When the Apostle Peter was in prison, he was delivered from jail, it was done by a united Prayer Meeting. In Palestine there is a Mountain called Hermon. From under this mountain come many springs, which united and make the Jordan River. One in which our Lord was baptized. So in our meetings, each one's prayer's should so be centered on God's will, that God could use them in forming a great stream, in which our son's and daughters might be baptized and saved through

Jesus Christ.

G. B. CHAVIS, Committee.

The second topic taken up was Temperance. This topic was produced and read by Rev. W. G. Hunt. The same was discussed by Bro. Hunt, J. K. Morrison, the Clerk and Moderator and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance means moderation. Temperance means much, both in a temperal and a Spiritual sense, and should deeply concern every good citizen of every community. Temperance leads to right. Intemperance leads to ruin. We are told to be temperate in all things. Be temperate all things. Be temperate in making and spending, in eating and drinking. Be temperate with our tongue. Be not busy bodies in other men's matters. Use economy. Be strong and help fight the evil influence of strong drink. The Christian people should not hold their peace and allow Intemperance so much space and power. Cry aloud and spare not. Stand up for right and truth. "How can I hold my peace." said one and see the destruction of my people. *Live and do the thing that is right, for Right will win at last. God will help.*

W. G. HUNT, Committee.

By motion, the Church of Bethany be allowed to report to the Moderator and Clerk. Song, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung, and the Moderator dismissed the Association for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association assembled at 1:05, P. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. C. Clark. Prayer was offered by Bro. Thos. H. Oxendine. The Moderator declared the Association ready for business, and extended an invitation to visiting friends to have a seat with us.

By motion, the Treasurers made the following reports, which were received:

TREASURER'S REPORTS.

Received	\$2450.69	Received for Minutes	\$69.31
Paid for building	3092.36	Paid Clerk \$25.00 for	
		Minutes \$41.70	\$66.70
A deficit of	\$ 641.67		
		Balance on hand	\$ 2.61
F. L. LOCKLEAR, Treas		L. W. JACOBS, Treas.	
of Executive Board.		of the Association.	

By motion, Bros. J. J. Bell, J. C. Clark, F. L. Locklear, L. W. Jacobs and A. N. Locklear, be the Executive board of the Association.

By motion, Bro. F. L. Locklear be Treasurer of this Board.

By motion, the former building committee, namely Bros. W. D. Oxendine, E. V. Hunt and J. K. Henderson be continued.

By motion, a vote of thanks be extended Mt. Airy church and vicinity for their hospitality shown during this Association.

By motion, the collection on tomorrow be given to Christian Education.

By motion, the Finance committee was called for and made the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for Education -----	\$410.25
Received for Minutes -----	50.30
Total, -----	<u>\$460.55</u>

W. G. HUNT,

G. W. LOCKLEAR,

Finance Committee.

By motion, that we pay the Clerk \$25.00.

By motion, the program committee made the following report:

PROGRAM—THURSDAY

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

1:00 p. m. Organization.

2:30 p. m. Sunday School by Bro. R. B. Jacobs.

3:15 p. m. Missions by Rev. J. C. Clark.

FRIDAY.

9:30 a. m. Prayer service by Bro. Morine Jacobs.

10:30 a. m. Christian Education by Bro. A. N. Locklear.

1:30 p. m. Temperance by Rev. P. P. Locklear.

2:30 p. m. Periodicals, by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

SATURDAY.

9:30 a. m. Prayer Service, by Bro. Eddie Jacobs.

10:30 a. m. Prayer Meeting, by Rev. S. A. Hammons.

1:30 p. m. General Business.

J. O. BROOKS,

WILLIE JACOBS,

E. B. SAMPSON,

Program Committee.

By motion, the Obituary Committee made the following report:

OBITUARY REPORT.

We, your Committee on Obituary, report by churches those which have lost by death in 1924, as follows:

Bear Swamp—Alva Oxendine and Polly Jacobs	2
Deep Branch—William Oxendine	1
Harpers Ferry—Ford Barton	1
Mt. Olive—Betsy Dial	1
Mt. Airy—Martin Wilkins, F. E. Locklear and Louise Locklear....	3
Oak Grove—Annie Smith and Annie Jane Chavis	2
Pleasant View—Bertha Brantley	1
Piney Grove—Louis Hunt and City Locklear	2
Smyrna—Malinda Morgan and Margaret Hagans	2
Total	15

S. A. HAMMOND,

J. J. BELL,

Committee.

NIGHT SERVICE.—Friday night prayer service was conducted by Bro. G. W. Locklear. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Hunt, Text, Mark 9:7, "This is my beloved Son, hear him."

Saturday night, Prayer Service was conducted by Bro. R. D. Locklear. Preaching by Rev. P. P. Locklear, Text, Gen. 22:8, "My Son, God will provide."

By motion, the following is a list showing the money turned over to the Finance Committee for Education during this session of the Association, namely:

CHURCH	AMOUNT
Antioch	\$ 5.00
Bear Swamp	103.25
Deep Branch	3.07
Gray Pond	3.00
Harpers Ferry	100.00
Piney Grove	3.50
Mt. Airy	75.05
Smyrna	3.00
Mt. Olive	50.00
First Baptist Church of Pembroke	15.00

By motion, the Association adjourned, with prayer and benediction by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

The next session of this Association will be held with the church at Bear Swamp, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 1925.

A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk.

W. D. OXENDINE, Moderator.

Sunday, Sunday School was conducted by Bro. W. D. Oxendine, Supt. The regular Sunday School lesson was taken as on other Sundays. Song No. 42, "Jesus Came," was sung by the choir, then prayer, after which each teacher took their places with the classes. Sum of the collection was \$1.41. No. scholars present was 66. The school closed with song 89, led by Bro. S. H. Wilkins, After a short recess the congregation assembled for service.

Prayer Service was conducted by Bro. John Carter, reading Romans 12th chapter. Prayer was offered by Bro. G. W. Locklear. A collection was taken up for Education amounting to \$45.01.

The charitable sermon was preached by Rev. J. K. Henderson, Text, Luke 10:35—"Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

After song and prayer the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. K. Henderson.

CHURCH HISTORY.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association was organized in the year, 1878.

The Association was organized with five churches.

The Ministerial force was five ordained preachers, namely, Rev. C. Wilkins, Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rev. Gilbert Locklear, Rev. A. D. Locklear, and Rev. Jordan Chavis.

Rev. Cary Wilkins served as first Moderator of the Association.

The total membership of the Association was quite small at first, but has been steadily increasing all the while,—a period of about forty-six years.

The Motto of this splendid organization, ever since it started out to do work for the Lord, has been to "Educate and Christianize the Indian people of Robeson and adjoining counties in North Carolina."

We feel that the pioneer effort has been quite successful. While the above named brethren have fallen to sleep as their father's did, yet we can realize that, "Their works do follow them."

In every Annual Session since the first, that Grand old subject, "Education," has been held up before the people, and its coming to pass in these last days that Providence seems to be pouring out upon us, and leaves it up to us, to say whether or not we can contain it.

We are proud of the increased advantages of education among us, for we know, that it means much for the Church and good citizenship.

We now have fifty-seven acres of fine land, donated to the Indian Children of Robeson County, for their educational benefit, by Mr. and Mrs. E. Odum.

We have a nice family residence erected on this site, which is occupied at present by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Henderson.

We, also have a nice Christian Training School building erected on this site. The building is a brick structure. The buildings and Land is roughly estimated to be worth around Twenty Thousand Dollars.

This work is partly supported by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The supervision of this much appreciated work is under the care of Rev. J. K. Henderson.

We extend our heart-felt thanks to all who have donated to this cause in either small or large sums.

By W. C. HUNT.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Cherokee Indians of Robeson County.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the various churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association. Who shall be members? Whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory council, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on a petition by letter and delegates if, on examination they be found orthodox, manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome to the delegates: Provided further, that no church shall be admitted without a site to build on with a clear title, to be examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in this Union shall be entitled to a representation of three members chosen from each church: Provided further, the preachers from the various churches of the Association shall have the same power as the delegates.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper, and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 10. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for a union of the churches. (2) to present inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; (3) to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) to inquire into the cause if the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) to appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association

fund for any purpose deemed proper; (6) to appoint any members, by and with their consent, to transact any business they see proper; (7) to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion; (7) to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. No church in this Association shall ordain a man to the full work of the Ministry until they have completed the 7th grade in an accredited school.

Art. 12. This form of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH	TREASURER AND POSTOFFICE	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value Church Property	By Baptism	By Letter	Total Membership.
Antioch	Rev. G. W. Hunt, Lumberton, N. C.	A. F. Strickland, St. Paul, N. C.	2	\$1500	15	—	93
Bear Swamp	Rev. L. W. Jacobs Pembroke, N. C.	Peter Oxendine, Pembroke, N. C.	2	1500	15	4	135
Bethel Hill	Rev. A. T. Taylor, Fairmont, N. C.	E. J. Emanuel Lumberton, N. C.	1	1000	28	8	87
Bethany	Rev. W. J. Sampson, Lumberton, N. C.	E. B. Sampson, Lumberton, N. C.	4	1000	2	4	75
Deep Branch	Rev. S. A. Hammons, Lumberton, N. C.	R. C. Chavis, Maxton, N. C.	—	1000	9	4	41
Deep Branch	Rev. C. E. Locklear, Pembroke, N. C.	M. C. Chavis, Pates, N. C.	3	1000	5	1	105
Gray Pond	Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke, N. C.	E. Chavis, Lumberton, N. C.	3	—	—	—	—
Harpers Ferry	Rev. P. P. Locklear, Lumberton, N. C.	Geo. L. Locklear, Lumberton, N. C.	2	2100	16	3	122
Mt. Moriah	Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke, N. C.	G. W. Locklear, Buie, N. C.	4	4000	18	11	130
Mt. Olive	Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Lumberton, N. C.	D. A. Locklear, Laurinburg, N. C.	1	1500	3	4	93
Mt. Airy	Rev. C. E. Locklear, Pembroke, N. C.	Neill Morgan, Fairmont, N. C.	2	800	32	15	79
Oak Grove	Rev. J. E. Hunt, Fairmont, N. C.	K. B. Hunt, Fairmont, N. C.	—	1000	4	9	98
Pleasant View	Rev. S. A. Hammons, Lumberton, N. C.	C. H. Hunt, Fairmont, N. C.	1	2000	15	17	274
Piney Grove	Rgv. J. E. Hunt, Fairmont, N. C.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reedy Branch	Rev. C. E. Locklear, Pembroke, N. C.	Dock Carter, Allenton, N. C.	3	1000	22	5	65
St. Peter	Rgv. A. T. Taylor, Pembroke, N. C.	J. W. Bell, Lumberton, N. C.	4	—	—	7	29
Smyrna	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ten Mile Center	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zion Hill	Rev. C. E. Locklear, Pembroke, N. C.	—	4	1200	3	—	28

TABLE II—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Other Salaries.	Ministerial Help.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Expenses.	Local Poor.	Minute Fund.	Home Total.	Christian Education.	Hospitals.	Other Beneficences.	GRAND TOTAL.
Antioch	\$132 00	---	49 40	10 00	---	\$10 78	---	\$10 00	\$202 18	\$81 50	\$64 12	\$24 00	\$371 75
Bear Swamp	\$113 25	---	---	10 00	---	83 52	---	3 25	210 47	128 25	---	---	338 72
Bethel Hill	92 37	---	9 00	1 00	---	---	---	1 50	103 87	37 50	---	---	137 50
Bethany	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Deep Branch	87 00	---	---	---	---	---	---	2 00	89 00	2 70	---	15 00	106 70
Gray Pond	100 00	---	6 00	100 00	---	8 00	---	2 30	216 00	3 00	---	---	219 00
Harpers Ferry	130 00	---	35 00	59 28	---	16 00	10 00	4 00	254 28	125 00	---	---	379 28
Mt. Moriah	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3 25	3 25	---	---	---	---
Mt. Olive	140 00	18 89	13 50	56 70	---	---	22 49	5 00	356 58	108 15	---	---	439 93
Mt. Airy	230 00	2 00	32 25	---	---	---	20 84	4 00	465 19	175 75	---	---	648 44
Oak Grove	100 00	---	13 07	200 00	---	5 00	29 07	4 00	351 39	8 00	---	---	159 39
Pleasant View	100 00	15 06	9 00	28 55	---	17 74	1 35	2 00	173 70	58 74	---	6 25	238 79
Piney Grove	100 00	---	10 50	---	---	---	26 00	2 50	139 00	2 50	---	10 00	149 00
Reedy Branch	128 40	7 50	21 25	3 35	3 30	27 80	4 28	3 50	236 38	---	---	---	236 38
Smyrna	100 00	---	15 00	55 00	---	---	14 00	3 20	187 20	2 00	---	---	189 20
St. Peter	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tennile Center	75 00	10 00	---	5 00	12 40	10 00	15 00	5 00	132 60	10 00	---	---	142 60
Zion Hill	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1 50	1 50	---	---	---	1 50
First Baptist	100 00	25 50	24 00	10 00	---	60 00	10 00	2 00	221 50	15 00	13 00	---	249 50

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	SUPT. AND POST OFFICE	SECY. AND POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Beginners 1 to 5.	Primary 6 to 8.	Juniors 9 to 12.	Intermediate 13 to 16.	Seniors Adults.	Total	Is School Graded?	Baptisms from Sunday School.	Total Expense
Antioch	A. Carter, St. Paul, N. C.	W. D. Carter, St. Paul, N. C.	5	12	12	—	—	18	47	No.	—	—
Bear Swamp	Geo. J. Chavis, Raynham, N. C.	Claud Lowry, Pembroke, N. C.	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	No.	—	—
Bethel Hill	D. F. Lowry, Lumberton, R. 1	Martha Smith, Rennert, R. 1	4	—	—	10	—	25	35	No.	—	—
Bethany	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deep Branch	Claud Sampson, Lumberton, N. C.	Perry M. Sampson, Lumberton, N. C.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	13 67
Gray Pond	W. C. Chavis, Maxton, N. C.	Sandy J. Chavis, Maxton, N. C.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Harpers Ferry	A. N. Locklear, Pates, N. C.	W. Roscoe Locklear, Pates, N. C.	9	17	29	31	34	17	150	Yes	—	20 00
Mt. Moriah	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mt. Olive	F. L. Locklear, Lumberton, N. C.	Rosa Locklear, Lumberton, N. C.	9	21	17	26	24	70	167	Yes	5	56 90
Mt. Airy	W. D. Oxendine, Buie, N. C.	G. W. Locklear, Buie, N. C.	15	—	9	16	14	23	77	Yes	14	40 19
Oak Grove	Alton Clark, Laurinburg, N. C.	—	4	—	20	—	24	15	69	—	—	—
Pleasant View	Branson, Chavis, Fairmont, N. C.	John W. Sampson, Fairmont, N. C.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Piney Grove	W. O. Hammons, Fairmont, N. C.	Graddie Hunt, Fairmont, N. C.	8	10	15	16	18	—	67	Yes	4	17 74
Reedy Branch	S. P. Hunt, Lumberton, N. C.	Macie Brooks, Fairmont, N. C.	5	—	—	—	—	—	87	—	—	27 41
Smyrna	—	—	8	—	27	42	60	95	224	Yes	—	—
St. Peter	J. E. Hammons, Lumberton, R. 5	Bessie Hammons, Allenton, N. C.	7	—	18	14	22	—	60	—	10	9 00
Tennile Center	Willie Blanks, Lumberton, N. C.	Lula Blanks, Lumberton, N. C.	6	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	10 00
Zion Hill	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
First Baptist	W. H. Godwin, Pembroke, N. C.	H. A. Morgan, Pembroke, N. C.	7	—	10	10	12	13	44	Yes	2	—

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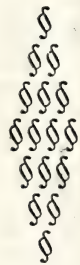
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BURNT SWAMP MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH BEREA CHURCH,

PEMBROKE, N. C.

Beginning Oct. 31st, and ending Nov. 2nd, 1925.



The next Annual Session of the Association will be held with the Mt. Olive Church, beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 4th and 5th, 1926.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Branson Chavis,
Willie Taylor,
Richard Hunt,
John Taylor,
Jas. Hunt,
S. M. Oxendine,
J. O. Brooks,
Neill Jacobs,
L. V. Morgan,
J. T. Hagans,
W. R. Morgan,
J. F. Hammons,
Grady Canada,
Richard Hardin,
J. W. Bell,
Norman Locklear,
E. D. Jones,
C. L. Locklear,
W. J. Chavis,
R. Cummings,
A. A. Sampson,
Luther Jacobs,
Richard Locklear,
M. M. Lucas,
Bruce Oxendine,
James Oxendine,
G. L. Locklear,
John D. Chavis,
Harrison Chavis,
George Lowry,

George Chavis,
Moline Jacobs,
B. D. Chavis,
M. L. Jacobs,
G. W. Bell,
John Hardin,
D. L. Lowry,
Dannie Chavis,
S. P. Hammons,
M. C. Chavis,
Willie Jacobs,
R. C. Cummings,
W. D. Godwin,
L. H. Hunt,
F. L. Locklear,
A. J. Jacobs,
W. R. Locklear,
G. W. Locklear,
R. D. Locklear,
W. D. Oxendine,
N. A. Lowry,
R. C. Chavis,
Martin Locklear,
S. P. Stricklan,
J. W. Oxendine,
Ashley Oxendine,
Charlie Oxendine,
Sandy Chavis,
H. H. Holmes,
D. D. Locklear.

LIST OF ORDAINED PREACHERS

Rev. J. J. Bell,
Rev. W. A. Bell,
Rev. S. J. Chavis,
Rev. L. W. Jacobs,
Rev. W. G. Hunt,
Rev. C. E. Locklear,
Rev. S. A. Hammons,
Rev. P. P. Locklear,
Rev. E. F. Warwick,
Rev. Z. B. Brooks,

Rev. S. S. Lowry,
Rev. A. T. Taylor,
Rev. T. H. Hammons,
Rev. J. C. Clark,
Rev. Z. R. Jacobs,
Rev. L. A. Maynor,
Rev. R. B. Jacobs,
Rev. W. J. Sampson,
Rev. J. W. Huggins.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Forty Seventh Annual Session of the Burnt Swamp Swamp Baptist Association met with the Berea Church at Pembroke, Oct. 29, 1925.

The prayer service was conducted by Bro. Luther Jacobs.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. E. Hunt. Text, Acts 12:5.—“Prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him.” Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. J. Bell.

The Congregation was dismissed for noon. A bountious dinner was served and enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON.

At one o'clock the Association was called in session. The devotional songs were led by Bros. Ashley Oxendine and Scion Wilkins.

The Moderator read twenty-third chapter of Psalms. Song No. 20—“Throw Out the Life Line,” was sung and prayer was offered by the Rev. S. A. Hammons.

By motion, a Finance Committee was appointed, namely, Bros. G. W. Locklear, and Peter Oxendine.

By motion, the Church Letters were called for, read and received except the petitions letters.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to newly constituted churches and visiting friends.

Rev. C. C. Lowry of the Lumber River Conference was cordially invited to a seat with the number.

By motion, Hickory Grove Church was admitted as a member of this Association.

By motion, Mt. Elim Church was admitted a member of this Association.

By motion, the Berea Church was admitted as a member of this Association.

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. J. Bell, Rev. S. A. Hammons, and F. L. Locklear, Orthodox Committee.

The Moderator appointed Bros. Ashley Oxendine, M. C. Jacobs and E. V. Hunt, Committee of Arrangements.

The Program Committee was appointed by the Moderator, as follows, namely, Bros. James C. Oxendine, F. L. Locklear and J. O. Brooks.

By motion, the Committee on Orthodoxy made their re-

port, which was received and the committee discharged.

By motion, Bro. W. D. Oxendine was elected Moderator of the Association.

By motion, A. N. Locklear was elected Clerk of the Association.

By motion, the old Board was elected, namely, Bros. Rev. J. J. Bell, Rev. J. C. Clark, Rev. L. W. Jacobs, F. L. Locklear and A. N. Locklear.

By motion, the next annual session of this Association will be held with Mt. Olive Church.

By motion, the Report on Sunday School, by R. B. Jacobs, was spoken to by Bro. Jacobs, Rev. J. J. Bell and Rev. C. E. Locklear, and ordered printed if the report is furnished.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30, tomorrow.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The morning services were conducted by Bros. Morine Jacobs and G. W. Locklear.

The Moderator read the 9th Chapter of Second Corinthians.

The Roll of delegates was called and a number for work found present.

By motion, Gray Pond and Bethel churches be received and their delegates names enrolled.

By motion, the Report on Christian Education was read by A. N. Locklear.

The same was spoken to by A. N. Locklear, Rev. J. K. Henderson, Rev. L. W. Jacobs and Moderator, then received.

A collection was taken up for Christian Education amounting to thirty-two dollars and ten cents.

The noon Sermon was preached by the Rev. S. A. Hammons. Text, Ex. 12:13, "When I see the Blood, I will pass over you." Prayer was offered by Bro. John D. Chavis.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Education is doing, acting out ones own or anothers will; experiencing, adjusting ones self to real situations, conforming or cooperating here resisting or striking out there, and always answering to the call of necessity with ideas put into execution.

Education means Physical, Moral and Vocational development.

Christian Education, would mean in our mind, a Biblical knowledge of God and His Son Jesus Christ.

We must be taught the Bible.

We must be brought to see Christ as our Saviour. We must learn to be like him in what we say and do.

We must grow and increase in his knowledge and wisdom daily, which is true character building, the aim of which is efficiency.

Developing Christian Education then, would be acting out not our own will, but the will of him that sent us.

We have a grand and glorious object in the person of Christ, from which to take our lessons. Go ye into all the world and preach the "Gospel to every Creature."

We should learn what Christ and the Cross means to us.

The Church and Sunday Schools are in need of Christian workers and we can have them now, for opportunity is now ready and open at our doors.

We need strong and brave men and women for God, who are not afraid to do their duty.

We need Educational leadership.

"The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch," and soon we find this body instructed and led on by such men as Paul, who was Educated according to the perfect manner of the Law.

Gamaliel was a Doctor of the Law. He gave counsel that defended the persecuted Saints.

Timothy was taught the Scripture from a child. These made a success for God. The Church always feels proud to even mention such leaders.

Young folks, will you grasp an opportunity? The fields are ready but the laborers are few. Many are called but few are chosen. I call you old men because you know the way. I call you young men because you are strong.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. N. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON.

The Association assembled at 1:30 o'clock. Bro. Scion Wilkins led the song and prayer was offered by Rev. J. J. Bell.

The Moderator declared the house open and ready for business, and extended an invitation to visiting friends.

By motion, the report on Periodicals was called for and read by Rev. C. E. Locklear. The same was discussed by Bro. Locklear and Rev. J. J. Bell, and then adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Reading is the medium through which our minds are cultivated, or poisoned.

That is determed by what we read.

What we read determines what we think.

What we think determines what we do.

What we do determines what we are.

If I want my child to be an infidel I will keep before him hte life and work of "Bob Ingersol." But if I want him to be a Christian, then I put before him the life of Christ. If I want him to be a robber and an outlaw, I put before him the life and work of Jessie James. But if I want him to be a law-abiding citizen, I put before him the life of men who have been loyal to their country.

Your mind is hungry and is going to feed on something. You are the one to say what it will feed on. Let me ask you to feed it on good wholesome Christian literature. First, read your Bible daily. Second, read all the good Periodicals that you can. "Study them thyself approved unto God. A workman htat needeth not to be ashamed." 2nd, Tim. 2'15.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

Hickory Grove Missionaries collected money for Education as follows:

Miss Nethers Oxendine ----- \$4.00

Miss McEtter Lucas ----- \$7.00

The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Preaching tonight by Rev. A. T. Taylor, tomorrow by Rev. L. A. Maynor, and Sunday by Rev. W. G. Hunt. The above committee was discharged.

By motion, that this Association condense their Annual Session to two days, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1926.

By motion, the Association adjourned till tomorrow.

SATURDAY.

The Association assembled at ten o'clock. Prayer service was conducted by Bro. Scion Wilkins. Prayer was offered by Bror. George Chavis. The Moderator read a lesson from the last chapter of St. John. Prayer was then offered by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business. By motion, the Program was taken up.

By motion, the report on Prayer Meeting was discussed by Rev. J. E. Hunt. The same was discussed by Brother A. N. Locklear, and adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Prayer does not change God, but it does change us and our relation to God. It places us in the channel of blessings and in the frame of mind in which God can consistently and safely grant our request. We should always pray and thank God for the many blessings we are receiving daily. We are commanded to pray without ceasing and in all things give thanks. We should always realize our dependence upon God and pray to Him for the things we need.

Dear Brethren: I suggest that each pastor organize a weekly prayer meeting at his church.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. HAMMOND,

Committee.

The committee on Obituary made the following report, and was discharged.

REPORT ON OBITUARY.

We, your committee report by churches those which have lost by death in the year 1925, as follows:

Mt. Airy Church, Mrs. Alice Oxendine.....	1
Mrs. Willie A. Chavis	1
Miss France Locklear	1
Mt. Moriah, Mrs. Wm. Hammons	1
Bethel Hill, Mrs. Martha J. Emanuel	1
Bear Swamp, Mrs. Analiza Oxendine	1
Piney Grove, Mrs. Janie Hunt	1
Antioch, Mr. A. B. Chavis	1
Mt. Olive, Mr. Jasper Sampson	1
Oak Grove, Mrs. Mary Locklear	1
Bethany, Mr. Reasley Cummings	1
Reedy Branch, Miss Mary Jacobs, Jr.	1
Miss Annie J. Hunt	1
Miss Mary Jacobs, Sen.	1
Mr. H. H. Freeman	1

Mr. N. R. Oxendine -----	1
Total -----	16

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MAYNOR,

J. J. BELL,

Committee.

By motion, the Program was left in the hands of the Moderator, L. W. Jacobs and the Clerk.

PROGRAM.

Program for Thursday Nov. 4—1926.

First Day, Thursday.

10:30. Prayer and praise service by Bro. H. Jones.

11:00—Annual Sermon by Rev. A. T. Taylor, alternate, Rev. S. A. Hammons.

10:30—Prayer and Praise service by Bro. H. Jones.

12:00—Noon.

1:15—Organization.

2:00—Report on Sunday School, by Bro. E. B. Sampson.

2:30—Report on Missions, by Rev. L. A. Maynor.

3:00—Report on Periodicals, by Rev. J. J. Bell.

Second Day, Friday.

9:54—Prayer and Praise Service, by Bro. G. W. Locklear.

10:00—Report on Prayer Meeting, by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

10:45—Report on Temperance, by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

11:30—Christian Education, by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

12:00—Noon.

1:15—General business.

2:30—Closing Exercise.

W. D. OXENDINE,

A. N. LOCKLEAR,

Program Committee.

By motion, Rev. C. E. Locklear, Rev. L. W. Jacobs and A. N. Locklear were appointed as a committee to confer with Deep Branch Church and report at the second Union.

Bro. Scion Wilkins led the song for noon service, and prayer was offered by Rev. R. B. Jacobs. The sermon was delivered by Rev. L. A. Maynor. His Text was,—“Let no man’s heart fail him, for I will go and fight.”

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON.

The Moderator called the house to order and after song service, prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Clark.

By motion, that Article Eleven be so amended, as to admit all Licentiates who were licensed prior to 1922, when called, to the pastorate care of a church, to ordination.

By motion, Rev. J. K. Henderson made the following report which was received.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF J. K. HENDERSON.

Receipts:

From the Home Mission Board, S. B. C.-----	\$1000.00
From A. C. L. R. R. account broken glass -----	16.83
From A. C. L. R. R. account broken glass -----	19.83
From Roger Moore Sons Co. for cement bags-----	15.82
From Sanford Sash and Blind Co., refund -----	3.25

Total Receipts ----- \$1055.31

Disbursements:

L. H. Caldwell, for plaster, lime cement, etc. -----	\$164.08
Drafts on Bank for lumber, doors, etc. -----	431.79
N. H. Biddell for freight -----	28.82
Dug Buie for lathes -----	50.00
W. M. Lowry for nails -----	5.00
The McCormick Co., for linseed oil, Turpentine, etc. -----	17.50
Sanford Sash and Blind Co., balance on glass-----	22.64
M. A. Geddie for lumber, moulding etc. -----	47.18
W. A. Oxendine for work -----	43.63
A. M. Breece for white lead -----	27.12
Cole Hardware Co., for door butts and dryer -----	5.10
J. P. Stewart for painting -----	33.33
N. D. McEachin for plastering -----	178.00
H. H. Sampson, hauling sand -----	10.00
Charley Chavis, drayage -----	2.30

Total Disbursements ----- \$1066.49

By motion, the Association Treasurer made the following report, which was received.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

I beg to make the following report:

We have a deficy of \$405.00 on the church and school building, which is now completed, but not equipped.

We have on hand \$3.35.

The report was received and deficy provided for.

We have on hand \$2.61 Minute fund money.

L. W. JACOBS, Treas.

By motion, the Finance Committee made the following report which was received.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Christian Education -----	\$ 262.75
Minute Funds -----	36.75
General Collection -----	32.10

G. W. LOCKLEAR,

P. A. OXENDINE,

Committee.

A collection of \$14.93 was taken up and all the churches recommended to bring all the money they could to the next Union.

By motion, that a vote of thanks be extended to this church and the neighborhood for the kind, courteous manner they took care of this Association.

By motion, that we pay the Clerk Twetny-Five Dollars for his services.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Missions is derived from the Latin word, mitto, to send. A missionary is one who is sent. Jesus was a missionary; and all his followers are missionaries. He says:

As my Father hath sent me, even so I send you. John 20:21.

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15.

And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Acts 1:8.

The Missionary Field is hte world; the Lord's commission is world-wide; the Christian's horizen is the ends of the earth. No one has the

right to enroll himself as a Missionary Baptist who is not committed to this world-program which, some one has said, "Prescribes all the work of all Christians for all time."

If we are Christians we are missionaries, in that we are sent by our Lord Christ to go into all the world as his witnesses to carry his message of life to the ends of the earth. Not every Christian, however, is called to go in person. But one must be committed to the Christian program and go in purse and prayer if not in person.

William Cary said, "Over yonder in India is a gold mine; I will descend and dig, but you at home must hold the ropes."

But we have failed to hold the ropes in large measure for our missionaries who have gone in person. We have faltered in our financial obligations to this program of our Lord both in the Home Land and on the Foreign Field, so that our State, Home, and Foreign Mission Boards are burdened with tragical debt. The fields have long been white unto harvest and the laborers are few. Scores of young men and women have volunteered, and at great expense and sacrifice educated themselves for the work and declared themselves ready to go. But the churches at home have failed to furnish the funds necessary to send out these sorely needed recruits.

We are told that Southern Baptist last year gave \$7.69 per capita for local expenses, and only \$2.75 per capita for all missions and benevolences.

The Indians of this Association gave last year only about \$2.60 per capita for all objects including pastor's salary and Christian Education.

We have in the Southern Baptist Convention 3574531 Baptists with a total annual income of one billion five hundred million dollars. One tenth of this income dedicated to the carrying out of the commission of our Lord would put into the treasury of the Lord an annual budget of one hundred and fifty million dollars.

With the world still waiting after two thousand years for the carrying out of this great commission; with multiplied thousands in heathen darkness turning away from paganism in despair and from Catholicism with disgust; with old religions failing and heathen temples falling and the old earth fairly quivering with the Macedonian cry for help; who would dare say that the tithe of the income of the Southern Baptist ought not to be dedicated to the Lord in such an hour of unprecedented opportunity? It would be both honoring to God and such a benediction to this benighted earth as to change, in the hearts of thousands and tens of thousands, the cry of despair to the Hallelujah Chorus.

And in such an hour of glorious opportunity and fearful responsibility who can withhold the tithe of his income from such a challenge and assure himself that he is not robbing God with more fearful consequences than they were in the days of Malachi?

State Missions, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions are only different phases of the same great program, the unified Apostolic Commission, that challenges the heroism of real men and women. Will Southern Baptists meet the challenge with the financial backing that such a program calls for, and that the tithe of our income would give? And have we of the Burnt Swamp Association the Christian courage and fortitude to do our part in meeting such a challenge?

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLARK.

By motion, that six hundred copies of the proceedings be printed.

A motion to adjourn being in order, the congregation sung, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and Rev. L. W. Jacobs pronounced the Benediction.

W. D. OXENDINE, Moderator.

A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

The regular Sunday School work was taken up by the Superintendent.

The congregation assembled at 11:30, A. M., to hear the Charitable Sermon delivered by Rev. J. K. Henderson. His text was from Ps. 141:3-4.

A collection of (\$40.00) forty dollars was taken in cash and pledges to the amount of seventy dollars.

The congregation was then dismissed by Rev. W. L. Moore of the Blue Ridge Methodist Conference.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Cherokee Indians of Robeson County.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the various churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association. Who shall be members? Whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory council, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on a petition by letter and delegates, if, on examination they be found orthodox, manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome to the delegates: Provided, further, that no church shall be admitted without a site to build on with a clear title, to be examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in this Union shall be entitled to a representation of three members chosen from each church: Provided further, the preachers from the various churches of the Association shall have the same power as the delegates.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper, and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 10. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for a union of the churches. (2) to present inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) to inquire into the cause if the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) to appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association

fund for any purpose deemed proper; (6) to appoint any members, by and with their consent, to transact any business they see proper; (7) to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion; (8) to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. No church in this Association shall ordain a man to the full work of the Ministry until they have completed the 7th grade in an accredited school.

Art. 12. This form of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

TABLE I-STATISTICAL.

CHURCHES	TREASURER AND POSTOFFICE	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	Time Preaching	Value Church Property	Restored and by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter	TOTAL
Antioch -----	A. F. Knight, Lumberton, N. C.-----	Rev. C. E. Locklear, Pembroke, N. C.-----	2	\$1600	4	3	98
Bear Swamp -----	Peter Oxendine, Pembroke, N. C.-----	Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Peembroke, N. C.-----	1	\$1500	9	5	128
Bethel Hill -----	E. J. Emanuel, -----	Rev. A. T. Taylor -----	1	\$1000	-----	13	92
Deep Branch -----	George Lowry, -----	Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Peembroke, N. C.-----	2	\$1500	-----	-----	42
Gray Pond -----	Angus Chavis, Maxton, N. C.-----	Rev. C. E. Locklear, Pembroke, N. C.-----	1	\$1400	-----	6	47
Harpers Ferry -----	M. C. Chavis, Pates, N. C.-----	Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Peembroke, N. C.-----	3	\$1000	2	22	111
Mt. Moriah -----	Eli Chavis, Lumberton, N. C.-----	Rev. P. P. Locklear, Lumberton, N. C.-----	1	-----	-----	4	92
Mt. Olive -----	George L. Locklear, Lumberton, N. C.-----	Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Peembroke, N. C.-----	2	\$2500	6	8	126
Mt. Airy -----	George Locklear, Buie, N. C.-----	Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Peembroke, N. C.-----	1	\$3000	15	12	140
Oak Grove -----	D. A. Locklear, Laurinburg, N. C.-----	Rev. C. E. Locklear, Pembroke, N. C.-----	1	\$1500	2	4	97
Pleasant View -----	Neill Morgan, Fairmont, N. C.-----	Rev. J. E. Hunt, Fairmont, N. C.-----	2	\$1200	2	10	88
Piney Grove -----	K. B. Hunt, Fairmont, N. C.-----	Rev. J. E. Hunt, Fairmont, N. C.-----	1	\$1000	-----	-----	-----
Reedy Branch -----	C. H. Hunt, Fairmont, N. C.-----	Rev. S. A. Hammons, Lumberton, N. C.-----	1	\$2000	2	-----	223
Smyrna -----	Dock Carter, Lumberton, N. C.-----	Rev. C. E. Locklear, Pembroke, N. C.-----	1	\$1000	2	11	78
Ten Mile Center -----	J. W. Bell, Lumberton, N. C.-----	Rev. A. T. Taylor -----	1	\$1000	-----	-----	20
Zion Hill -----	J. K. Jones, Bennert, N. C.-----	Rev. Z. R. Chavis, Pembroke, N. C.-----	3	\$1000	-----	9	38
First Baptist -----	W. H. Godwin, Pembroke, N. C.-----	Rev. C. E. Locklear, Pembroke, N. C.-----	-----	\$1200	4	-----	28
Hickory Grove -----	Angus Jacobs -----	Rev. R. B. Jacobs, -----	2	-----	-----	-----	18
Mt. Elin -----	J. W. Oxendine, Pembroke, N. C.-----	Rev. L. A. Maynor -----	3	-----	-----	11	40
Berea -----	-----	Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Peembroke, N. C.-----	3	-----	-----	-----	15

TABLE II—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Other Salaries.	Ministerial Help.	Building Repairs.	Incidentals.	S. S. & B. Y. P. U. Expenses.	Local Poor.	Minute Fund.	Home Total.	Christian Education.	Other Benevolences.	Hospitals.	GRAND TOTAL.
Antioch	137 00	---	125 00	72 61	---	37 61	25 00	10 00	407 22	20 00	---	8 65	450 87
Bear Swamp	120 00	---	---	---	---	10 82	---	2 00	132 82	49 00	9 98	---	151 56
Bethel Hill	96 16	---	17 00	---	---	---	---	3 00	---	6 50	---	---	126 66
Bethany	100 00	---	---	---	---	15 60	---	2 00	---	---	---	---	17 60
Deep Branch	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Gray Pond	100 00	---	---	25 00	---	5 28	---	4 00	134 28	6 00	---	---	140 28
Harpers Ferry	130 00	16 00	12 00	---	---	18 00	18 00	2 00	216 00	22 00	---	216 00	216 00
Mt. Moriah	100 00	25 00	---	---	---	---	---	3 00	128 00	---	---	---	128 00
Mt. Olive	229 45	8 10	---	27 10	4 00	10 59	43 58	---	413 57	34 75	---	---	417 57
Mt. Airy	185 00	---	---	---	42 00	---	---	---	---	51 00	---	---	278 00
Oak Grove	120 00	---	18 88	80 15	---	8 00	10 67	4 00	---	5 50	---	---	237 21
Pleasant View	100 00	4 75	10 00	---	---	21 15	3 00	5 00	137 80	5 20	---	---	143 00
Piney Grove	45 00	---	---	---	---	11 49	47 20	2 50	106 19	---	---	---	106 19
Reedy Branch	55 28	---	18 30	---	450 00	27 05	39 90	---	560 63	10 00	2 05	8 40	579 08
Smyrna	200 00	---	25 00	135 00	---	10 00	5 00	3 25	378 25	---	---	---	378 25
Ten Mile Center	65 00	---	15 00	---	---	8 90	4 00	3 00	95 90	2 00	---	10 00	107 90
Zion Hill	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1 00	1 00	---	---	---	1 00
First Baptist	110 77	---	---	---	25 00	5 00	3 00	133 77	5 00	5 00	---	---	138 77
Hickory Grove	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1 00	---	11 00	---	---	12 00
Mt. Elim	40 00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	45 00
Berea	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	75 00	---	---	75 00

MINUTES
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FORTH-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
BURNT SWAMP MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH MT. OLIVE CHURCH

Beginning Nov. 4th, and ending Nov. 5th. 1926.

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The next Annual Session of the Association will be held with the Bethel Hill Church, beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 3rd and 4th. 1927.

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LIST OF ORDAINED PREACHERS

Rev. J. J. Bell
Rev. W. A. Bell
Rev. L. W. Jacobs
Rev. W. G. Hunt
Rev. C. E. Locklear
Rev. S. A. Hammons
Rev. P. P. Locklear
Rev. E. F. Warwick
Rev. Z. B. Brooks
Rev. S. S. Lowry

Rev. A. T. Taylor
Rev. T. H. Hammons
Rev. J. C. Clark
Rev. Z. R. Chavis
Rev. L. A. Maynor
Rev. R. B. Jacobs
Rev. W. J. Sampson
Rev. J. W. Huggins
Rev. J. E. Hunt

PROCEEDINGS.

Mt. Olive Church, October 4th, 1926.

The Forty-Eighth Annual Session of the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association was held with Mt. Olive Church Thursday and Friday, October 4th and 5th, 1926.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY.

Prayer and Praise service was conducted according to the Annual Program by Bro. K. H. Jones.

The appointee, Rev. A. T. Taylor, not being present, the Annual Sermon was delivered by his Alternate, Rev. S. A. Hammons. His subject was the "Forgotten Vow." Text, from Gen. 37th chapter, "Arise, go back to Bethlehem and dwell there."

The Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON—THURSDAY.

The Association assembled for the afternoon session at 1:15 o'clock.

The Moderator read part of the 15th chapter of Ephesians, and after which the congregation hed sung, "What A Friend We have in Jesus," prayer was offered by Rev. J. J. Bell.

By motion, that the letters fom the various churches be called for and read in the presence of the body.

By motion, Bros. John Sampson and C. E. Oxendine be appointed Finance Committee.

The Roll of delegates are as follows, viz:

J. A. Carter	W. D. Oxendine	H. L. Blanks
J. W. Chavis	E. R. Cummings	Billie Jones
J. J. Chavis	Geo. Locklear	Dunk Clark
Eddie Jacobs	D. A. Locklear	A. R. Chavis
Morine Jacobs	W. D. Locklear	Ed Cummings
Matthew Jacobs	John F. Lockear	H. A. Morgan
J. D. Chavis	John Hunt	W. H. Godwin
Sandy Chavis	Eias Oxendine	Richard Lockear
A. N. Lockler	Irvin Hunt	Luther Jacobs
Marvin Lowry	C. H. Hunt	Luther Rogers
Thos. H. Oxendine	S. P. Hunt	Shepherd Cummings
D. M. Oxendine	J. O. Brooks	Acy Cummings
F. L. Locklear	S. M. Oxendine	Agnes Jacobs

(Roll of Delegates continued)

Duncan Bell	G. F. Hunt	E. V. Hunt
Wm. Freeman	K. B. Hunt	Ashley Oxendine
K. H. Jones	Frank Hammons	Lacy Maynor
Willie Locklear	Dock Carter	J. R. Stricklan
G. B. Revels	S. H. Fields	J. R. Lowry
C. E. Oxendine	Grady Canady	Marvin Oxendine
G. W. Locklear	Willie Blanks	

The Moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to newly constituted churches and visiting friends.

The Union Baptist Church presented a petition for membership in this Association.

By motion, the petition was read and held for investigation.

By motion, a committee, consisting of Rev. C. E. Locklear, Rev. R. B. Jacobs and Rev. G. W. Hunt was appointed to investigate and report Union Church.

Bros. G. B. Revels, Warren Dial and A. J. Jacobs were appointed a committee of arrangements for the session.

Bros. S. M. Bell, E. R. Cummings and D. L. Lowry were appointed a committee on Program.

Rev. J. J. Bell and G. W. Locklear were appointed Obituary Committee.

By motion, Bro. W. D. Oxendine was elected Moderator.

By motion, A. N. Locklear was elected Clerk.

By motion, Rev. L. W. Jacobs was elected Treasurer of the Association.

By motion, the committee on Union Baptist Church made a favorable report and was discharged.

By motion, the old Board be re-elected, with the addition of Rev. C. E. Locklear.

By motion, that the Program be taken up.

The first Topic taken up was that on Sunday School by Bro. E. B. Sampson.

Rev. L. W. Jacobs read the report, which was discussed by Rev. J. R. Henderson and then adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It is gratifying to note that many of our churches have a good and successful Sunday School, yet there is a great need for improvement.

The Sunday School is (or should be) the church teaching the Gospel

of Christ. We as Baptist should grasp every opportunity and use every agency possible to increase our knowledge of the Bible. As we look back over the history of the Sunday School work, and view the great religious influence that it has at this present age, we are constrained to admit that it is one of the greatest channels thru which the church can propagate the gospel of Jesus Christ,

The one great aim of the Sunday School should be to lead souls to Christ, therefore we need earnest hard working consecrated teachers. This Association should take advantage of the Christian Training School, at Pembroke, N. C., put your sons and daughters in training for the Sunday School work.

Our Sunday School in most churches like the sympathy and co-operation of church members, hence this is a task that requires trained leadership. We must stress the importance of the old as well the young, attending Sunday School.

We believe a more hearty cooperation of the pastors of churches of this Association would mean much in the advancement of the work.

The churches of this Association should look forward to modern church buildings.

E. B. SAMPSON, Committee.

The next report was that on Missions by Rev. L. A. Maynor, which was read and discussed by him, then adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren; I your committee on Missions beg leave to make the following report:

The word mission means an act of sending or being sent. Just before Christ's ascension he said to his disciples; Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Prior to this he sent out seventy others saying to them the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few; and to you and me the command is still insistant. There are still fields unharvested.

Dr. Sheldon writes: It was the unanimous conclusion of our cruise party, that the church in America has only been playing at missions instead of working at it. Palistine is a Christless land compared with our own. Here is the tragedy of a land waiting for the Christian world to bring back the beauty of His presence and to put his teaching to practice. Much the same could be said of other foreign lands.

In a recent estimation by Government officials and research organizations record the facts, a million, six hundred thousand childdren are

growing up in Paganism, in almost Bibleless communities in America over our own land.

Hear this cry, saying come and help us. Let us go, if we cannot go in person we can help others to go by our means in contributions.

Resolved, that we as Missionary Baptist endeavor to do more in the way of missions in the future than we have in the past.

Faithfully submitted,

L. A. MAYNOR.

The topic on Periodicals, was read and discussed by Rev. J. J. Bell and then adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Those who read are the ones who lead. Information makes intelligence and intelligence produces leaders. A reading man as a rule is a thinking man.

Those who lead worthily in our churches to-day must be informed. They must be people who read and think and consecrate themselves to the Lord for the work of His kingdom. All of our pastors and deacons should not only be faithful students of God's Word, but they should read good literature and know about the affairs of God's kingdom, what is being done to-day, especially in the work of our own denomination. This can be done by reading the denominational periodicals. These periodicals not only tell what is being done, but give good inspiring reading also.

Some of these Baptist periodicals are the Biblical Recorded, Charity and Children, Home and Foreign Fields, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. papers and magazines, and a great variety of tracts that can be gotten from the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., free of cost. By reading such literature we are greatly helped and strengthened for our work.

And it is our duty to furnish our homes with good, Christian papers and books. There is much being published these days that is harmful. We should be careful about what we bring into our homes for our children to read. We should see to it that all of our people are given such reading matter as will help them to live good and pure lives and be faithful and useful in the work of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BELL.

By motion, the Association called off till tomorrow morning at 9:45.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY.

The Association met according to Program.

Bro. G. W. Locklear conducted the opening exercise, which consisted of Sacred Songs and prayers for the uplift of the Association.

The Moderator read 4th chapter of First Peter, as the Bible lesson. "When I can read my title clear," was sung and prayer was offered by Rev. S. A. Hammons.

The Moderator arose and declared the house open and ready for business, and extended an invitation to newly constituted churches and visiting friends.

The program was now taken up and the Topic on Temperance was read by Rev. C. E. Locklear and discussed by Bro. Locklear, and then adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance means self control. Paul said before Felix of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come. He left convicted over his unrighteous intemperate life. But he said, "Go thy way." Just as thousands are doing today when they are told of their intemperate lives. They make vows but never pay them.

The Bible is very plain on the subject of intemperance with reference to alcoholic drinks.

Solomon asked the question: "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow?" Then he answers "They that tarry long at the wine." Prov. 23:29-30.

Benjamin Franklin said: "Temperance puts wood on the fire, meal in the barrel, flour in the tub money in the purse, credit in the county, contentment in the house, clothes on the back, and vigor in the body."

Daniel is a beautiful illustration of what temperance will do for any one. He purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's dainties and wine. And on test it was found that he far surpassed all the rest of the students in every respect.

Every Christian should be an abstainer from strong drink, because the Bible pronounces woe upon the dram drinker.

WHAT A BARREL OF WHISKEY CONTAINS:

A barrel of headaches, of heartaches of woes;
A barrel of curses, a barrel of blows;
A barrel of sorrow for loving weary wife;
A barrel of cares, a barrel of strife;
A barrel of unavailing regret;

A barrel of cares, a barrel of debt;
 A barrel of hunger, of poison, of pain;
 A barrel of hopes all blasted and vain;
 A barrel of poverty, ruin and blight;
 A barrel of tears, that run in the night;
 A barrel of crime, a barrel of groans;
 A barrel of orphans' most pitiful moans;
 A barrel of serpents that hiss as they pass;
 That glow from the liquor in the head of the glass;
 A barrel of falsehood, a barrel of cries;
 That fall from the maniac's lips as he dies.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. LOCKLEAR, Committee.

By motion, that the report on "Prayer Meeting" by Rev. J. E. Hunt should be discussed by Rev. P. P. Locklear and ordered printed, if furnished by Rev. L. A. Maynor.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

All through the great ages of the Christian Church the people of God have been a people of prayer. They have had their faults, they have had their grievous inconsistencies, but, throughout, they have clung to the Throne of Grace, and, with all the differences which divide good and Christian people of the church of God to-day the true men of Christ are men of prayer. The first evidence that a man shows in his life that there is a work of grace in his heart is he desires to pray. When St. Paul's heart was opened, St. Paul's lips were opened too, and somebody said at once, "Behold he prayeth."

The measure of our real religion is the measure of our prayer-life. The praying Christian is, above all, the Christian that grows. And the Christian that thrives. A praying Christian is a Christian who gets most from God. A praying Christian is a Christian who gets everything from God. Inasmuch as that can be said of a praying Christian, it can be said of a praying church.

Let me offer three or four suggestions in reference to the prayer meetings. (1)—First of all in prayer be careful that you have a cleansed conscience. (2)—And secondly, let there be a felt need. (3)—And thirdly, disentangle yourself if you can from the things of the world, that your prayers be not hindered. (4)—Remember fourthly, that prayer is not only an act, but a state and a spirit. (5)—And lastly, remember that in the midst of all your weakness and infirmities, you have the power of God's Spirit to help you if you only ask for it.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MAYNOR, Committee.

The report on Christian Education by Rev. L. W. Jacobs was called for, and discussed by Bro. Jacobs and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.—(2 Tim. 2:14.)

The Apostle is speaking to Timothy, not only with reference to his own duty, but to the qualifications of men who are to be selected as ministers of the Gospel, and whom he must instruct. Here, a minister of the gospel compared to a mechanic, a skilled workman, that needeth not to be ashamed. A skilled workman that has been tested and is approved, and then his skill in his work is shown by the added phrase, "A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The term means literally "cutting straight," as you read in the margin. Perhaps the phrase came from the idea of a carpenter cutting a straight line with his saw; possibly from Paul's early trade. It required a very skill workman to cut straight with scissors the rough hair cloth of which they made the Cilician tents. Whatever be its origin, the term denotes, in a general way, skillful work. A straight, handling aright the Word of God. A skilled workman is the minister. Then Paul proceeds to indicate for Timothy himself, and for the faithful men to whom these things are to be committed that they may teach others also, the importance of knowing how to avoid seductive and ruinous errors. We can see from the teaching of this great Apostle that it not only a privilege but a duty for Christians to prepare themselves for the great task of leading souls to Christ.

Christian Education should go hand in hand with general education. It ought to keep in advance; but it cannot be as a general thing, far in advance of the education of the people. They must go together.

If Christian workers are to lead folks in the right way they must be equally prepared for their task as those are whom they are trying to teach.

The Christian schools of our country furnishes a great opportunity for those who are interested in the advancement of God's kingdom. Dr. Truett said, "The lesson is written as plainly as if it were written across the skies in letters of fire that our leadership in America in all realms comes mainly from our Christian schools. The record of leadership furnished by these schools is to the last degree revelatory and challenging. Ponder these striking figures: Eight of the Chief Justices of our country were college graduates, while seven of the eight were from Christian schools. Eighteen of our nation's presidents have been college graduates, while sixteen of the eighteen were from Christian colleges. Of the

members of our National Congress, whose efforts or prominence have secured them a place in "who's who," two thirds of them were graduates from Christian colleges. Keep on looking into this deeply significant matter and you will find that numbers of small christian colleges in our country have furnished many times the number of leaders furnished by great state and private controlled institutions. This fact stands out as one of the most revealing and challenging in all the world today." We see by these facts that civilization depends upon religion, as stated by Carlyle, "That religion is the determining factor of any country's civilization." The same is true in our home communities, they will never rise higher than our religion. Let's urge our young folks to utilize their opportunities, that they may prove a blessing to God, and humanity. Carlyle said, "It's not what I have but what I do is my kingdom."

May we see the lesson in this sentence and apply it.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. JACOBS.

The noon sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Clark. Text from Gal. 5:29, subject, "The Fruit of Spirit." Prayer by the Moderator.

Dismission for noon.

AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY.

The Association assembled at two o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. W. Hunt.

The Moderator called the Association to order and declared the house ready for miscellaneous business.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received from the various churches for Associational purposes \$92.02.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. C. E. LOCKLEAR,

JOHN SAMPSON,

Committee.

The following is the report of the Committee on Obituary:
REPORT ON OBITUARY.

We, your committee report by churches, those which have lost by death in the year 1926.

Bear Swamp—Molissy Brayboy, Jr.

Mt. Airy—Millie Chavis.

Pembroke—Mrs. Inma Hunt.

Mt. Olive—Bro. F. L. Locklear, Sister Christian Locklear.

Oak Grove—Maggie Seals.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Manda Oxendine.

Reedy Branch—Mrs. A. T. Morgan, Mrs. M. A. Hunt, Mrs. Lillie Taylor, Mrs. Mary E. Brayboy, Mrs. Odie Smith.

Gray Pond—Mrs. Mary Chavis, Mrs. Maggie Chavis.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LOCKLEAR,

REV. J. J. BELL, Committee.

The Treasurer of the Association made his report as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received from Association Nov. 1, 1925	\$360.75
Received from Union meeting, Mt. Olive	31.60
Received from Hickory Grove Union	43.60
Received from Reedy Branch Union	29.35
Received from Harpers Ferry Union	27.30
Pledged money	58.00

Total, \$550.60

DISBURSEMENT

Paid to Pembroke Trading Company	\$145.00
Paid to J. A. McCormick	7.03
Paid to E. M. Paul for Insurance	8.80
Paid to L. H. Caldwell	99.00
Paid to the Bank of Pembroke	121.00
Paid to the Bank of Pembroke	61.00
Paid to the Freeman Printing Company	54.75
Paid to E. M. Paul for Insurance	20.80
Paid to clerk	25.00

Total, \$541.38

Balance on hand 8.32

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. JACOBS.

By motion, the Program Committee made their report:

PROGRAM FOR 1927,

Meet Thursday, 10:30, o'clock.

Prayer Services by Charlie Hammond.

11:00 o'clock, Annual Sermon by Rev. L. A. Maynor.

12:00 Noon.

1:15 o'clock, Organization.

2:00, Report on Sunday School by Bro. C. E. Locklear.

2:30, Report on Missions by Rev. S. A. Hammons.

3:00, Report on Periodicals by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY.

9:40 Prayer and Praise Service, by Bro. James Hammons.

10:00 Report on Prayer Meeting by Rev. J. C. Clark.

10:45, Report on Temperance, by Rev. W. G. Hunt

11:30, Christian Education by Bro. A. N. Locklear.

12:00, Noon.

1:15, General business.

2:30, Closing exercises.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. BELL,

DANNIE LOWRY,

E. R. CUMMINGS,

Committee.

By motion, that Article Eleven be stricken out of the Constitution.

By motion, that this Association take up Orphanage as a project for the year 1926-27.

By motion of Rev. J. J. Bell, that a biography of the late Mr. Fuller Locklear be printed in this issue to be written by the Clerk..

BROTHER FULLER LOCKLEAR

Brother Fuller Locklear was born March 15, 1865, and died June 7, 1926. His parents were Daniel Locklear and Mezzinnie Locklear.

On December 26, 1889, Brother Locklear was married to Miss Maggie Locklear, of Robeson County, North Carolina. Mrs. Locklear, an elect lady of fine intellectual attainments and most excellent Christian character, in every sense a help-meet for this noble man, still lives, as do their children, George, Charlie, William, Clem, Rose, Sarah, Burney, Plummer, Annie and Cammie Locklear Lowry.

In 1905, Brother Locklear was converted and joined the church. He was ordained deacon four years later. For eight years prior to his death he was Superintendent of the Mt. Olive Sunday School.

The subject of this sketch was one of the most earnest advocates of the creation of a Ministerial Educational Fund of our church, which was finally established in 1917, with him as Treasurer.

It is difficult to sum up in a short memoir the determining elements of character and force in a man of Brother Locklear's large nature. He was a worth-while man; colorful, verile, consecrated, faithful, loyal. Energy, love to God, loyalty to the church to which he belonged, and fidelity to friends, were the dominant characteristics of his life.

Service, as a man, as a citizen, as a Sunday School Superintendent, as a deacon, was his motto, and right well did he follow it.

The above brief history is that of a faithful Baptist deacon. "Rest from thy loved employ, life's battle ended, the victory won."

A. N. LOKLEAR.

By motion, that the clerk have (600) six hundred copies of the Minutes printed.

By motion, that we pay the Clerk twenty-five dollars for his services.

By motion, that Rev. . K. Henerson give a verbal report on the Christian Training School at Pembroke, which he did with much pleasure; The same was listened to with much pleasure.

The next session of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association will be held at Bethel Hill Church.

W. D. OXENIDNE, Moderator.

A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Cherokee Indians of Robeson County.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the various churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association. Who shall be members? Whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory council, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on a petition by letter and delegates, if, on examination they be found orthodox, manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome to the delegates: Provided, further, that no church shall be admitted without a site to build on with a clear title, to be examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in this Union shall be entitled to a representation of three members chosen from each church: Provided further, the preachers from the various churches of the Association shall have the same power as the delegates.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper, and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 10. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for a union of the churches. (2) to present inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; (3) to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) to inquire into the cause if the

churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) to appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund for any purpose deemed proper; (6) to appoint any members, by and with their consent, to transact any business they see proper; (7) to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion; (8) to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. This form of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

TABLE I. STATISTICAL

CHURCH	Church Treasurer.	Church Value.	PASTOR.	Time of Preaching.	Loss	Gain	Total.
Antioch	A. F. Knight	\$1500 00	Rev. C. E. Locklear	2	1	111	98
Bear Swamp	Peter Oxendine	\$1500 00	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	1	1	101	108
Bethel Hill	E. J. Emanuel	\$1500 00	Rev. A. T. Taylor	1	1	101	108
Bethany			Rev. L. W. Jacobs	8			
Deep Branch							
Gray Pond	Angus Chavis	\$1000 00	Rev. C. E. Locklear	1	4	6	33
Harpers Ferry	M. C. Chavis	\$1000 00	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	3	9	14	113
Mt. Moriah	Eli Chavis		Rev. P. P. Locklear	3	5	22	112
Mt. Olive	G. W. Locklear	\$2100 00	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	4	5	12	133
Mt. Airy	W. D. Oxendine	\$2500 00	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	2	12	23	149
Oak Grove	D. A. Locklear	\$1800 00	Rev. C. E. Locklear	1	3	7	94
Pleasant View		\$ 800 00	Rev. J. E. Hunt		5	4	83
Piney Grove	K. B. Hunt	\$1000 00	Rev. J. E. Hunt	3	3	11	105
Reedy Branch	J. O. Brooks	\$2000 00	Rev. S. A. Hammons	2	13	204	
Smyrna	Dock Carter	\$1000 00	Rev. C. E. Locklear	3	5	8	74
Ten Mile Center		\$1500 00	Rev. R. B. Jacobs	4	14	42	
Zion Hill	A. R. Chavis		Rev. Z. R. Chavis	3			43
First Baptist	W. H. Godwin	\$1500 00	Rev. C. E. Locklear	4	1	2	34
Hickory Grove	Walter Rogers		Rev. R. B. Jacobs	2	11	29	
Mt. Elim	W. H. Kellehan		Rev. L. A. Maynor	3	5	32	66
Berea	Ashley Oxendine	20,000.00	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	3		19	33
First Union							

TABLE II. FINANCIAL.

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary.	Other Salaries.	Ministers Help.	Repair.	Incidentals.	S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Expenses.	Poor.	Minute Funds.	Christian Education.	Benevolence Hospitals.	Grand Total.
Antioch	175 23 16 00			175 23		11 09 15 00 5 00		5 00			337 32
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Bethel Hill	90 00		9 00	5 00		7 60 3 00					115 10
Bethany											
Deep Branch											
Gray Pond	100 00		4 00					3 00	5 00		127 00
Harpers Ferry	110 00 30 00		1 00	2 00	8 00	15 00		20 00 6 00 5 00		1 00	177 00
Mt. Moriah				100 00				42 50 3 00	9 5 00		145 50
Mt. Olive	186 45 21 30		2 55	148 50		34 16 9 35 6 75 13 10		8 25			412 39
Mt. Airy	212 00										218 25
Oak Grove	120 00		10 00	37 25		16 39 18 50 5 00					202 14
Pleasant View	100 00				18 00			4 00			18 00 140 00
Piney Grove	76 05	3 50				7 77 9 56 3 00					177 20
Reedy Branch											
Smyrna	100 00 30 00			25 25		3 50 4 00					158 75
Ten Mile Center	82 00		18 00			10 00 4 75 5 00		1 50		5 00	124 75
Zion Hill											
First Baptist	100 00					25 00 5 00 2 00				10 00	137 00
Hickory Grove	61 00		10 30			22 60 4 00 1 50					99 35
Mt. Elim	86 55 24 68					22 47 14 16 2 50					150 36
Berea	44 50 20 00			277 55		69 49 15 00 5 00			26 00	81 77	654 31
First Union			1 00								

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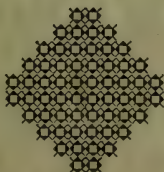
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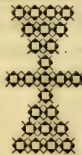
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

W. D. OXENDINE, Moderator -----	Buie, N. C.
A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk -----	Pates, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. J. J. Bell -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. W. A. Bell -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Lawrence Maynor -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Z. R. Jacobs -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. Jeremiah Jacobs -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Clark -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. L. W. Jacobs -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. A. T. Taylor -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. T. H. Hammons -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. R. B. Jacobs -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Z. B. Brooks -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. S. S. Lowry -----	Pates, N. C.
Rev. S. A. Hammons -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. C. E. Locklear -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. P. P. Locklear -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. B. F. Jones -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. E. F. Warix -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. W. G. Hunt -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. J. E. Hunt -----	Fairmont, N. C.
Rev. W. J. Sampson -----	Lumberton, N. C.

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FIRST DAY.

Bethel Hill Church, November 3, 1927.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met in its Forty-ninth Annual Session with the Church at Bethel Hill, Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Prayer service was conducted by Bro. Charlie Hammons.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. S. A. Maynor from Jeremiah, 18:4.

The Association then adjourned for noon.

AFTERNOON—THURSDAY.

The Association assembled at one o'clock, and was called to order by the Moderator reading Matt. 7:1-13, and after singing, prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Clark.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

By motion, the church letters were called for and read.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

1. Finance Committee:—Bros. W. A. Bell and G. W. Locklear.
2. Committee of Arrangements:—Bros. Charlie Hammons, Hugh Smith and Rev. A. T. Taylor.
3. Program Committee:—Bros. W. H. Goodwin, Loyd Lowry and L. J. Bell.
4. Obituary Committee:—Bros. W. A. Oxendine, and D. D. Locklear.

The following is a list of delegates sent to represent the various churches in this Association:—

John W. Sampson

Branson Chavis

Elias Oxendine

W. O. Hammons

Berny Hunt

Albert Hammons

W. H. Godwin

H. A. Morgan

Thomas Cummings

Angus Jacobs

C. L. Oxendine

Geo. L. Locklear

J. R. Stricklan

Marvin Oxendine

J. A. Fields

Sandy Chavis

John Chavis

Sandy Chavis, Jr.

R. J. Locklear

G. W. Locklear

D. A. Locklear

W. D. Oxendine

M. C. Chavis

A. N. Locklear

W. R. Locklear

S. R. Brewington

E. J. Emanuel

J. E. Hammons

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C. A. Locklear
 J. A. Lowry
 Rickard Lowry
 Walter Rogers
 Nethers Oxendine
 Duncan Clark
 McKinley Lowry
 Norman Locklear
 E. V. Hunt
 L. J. Bell
 K. B. Hunt
 W. A. Oxendine
 B. F. Chavis
 Willie Carter
 G. W. Bell
 Ricard Chavis
 E. G. Smith
 Morine Jacobs
 Mathew Jacobs
 Junius Jacobs
 W. W. Blanks
 Grady Canada
 Martin Hall
 N. B. Morgan

F. L. Locklear
 W. M. Freeman
 C. H. Hunt
 S. P. Hunt
 Oscar Hunt
 Rev. J. J. Bell
 Rev. J. C. Clark
 Rev. J. W. Huggins
 Rev. C. E. Locklear
 Rev. W. G. Hunt
 Rev. A. T. Taylor
 Rev. Thadeus Hammons
 Rev. P. P. Locklear
 Rev. R. B. Jacobs
 Rev. L. W. Jacobs
 Rev. C. H. Bell
 Rev. Hugh Smith
 Rev. Dannie Locklear
 Rev. J. H. Locklear
 Rev. W. A. Bell
 Rev. S. A. Hammons
 Rev. L. A. Morgan
 Rev. Z. R. Jacobs

The annual election of officers was taken up, and the result is as follows:

By motion, Bro. W. D. Oxendine was elected Moderator by ballot.

By motion, A. N. Locklear was elected Clerk.

By motion, the Executive Board was elected, consisting of the following:—Rev. J. J. Bell, Rev. J. C. Clark, Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Rev. C. E. Locklear and A. N. Locklear.

By motion, the program was taken up and the various topics discussed.

The topic on Sunday School by Rev. C. E. Locklear was taken up and discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The earliest recorded accounts of human activities show that religious instruction of the “young and unlearned” was considered an indispensable part of training. We read that,

“Recent explorations in Babylonia, as at Sippara and Nippur, have

not only shown that fully equipped schools existed in the days of Abraham and earlier, but they have also made known the methods of those schools, since multitudes of tablets have been found giving varied forms of school exercises of pupils, illustrating the pedagogical methods in the schools of Chaldea and Babylonia when Abraham and his father were children. Hymns and religious texts formed part of the equipment used. Among the Semetic peoples religious instruction in accord with school methods, therefore, was known and practiced long before Abraham's day."

The Bible commends and commands religious instruction. For example see Gen. 18:19, Deut. 4:4-9, 31:10-13, Joshua 8:34, 35, 2 Chron. 17:7-9, 34:30-33.

The Jewish Synagogue was largely a training school of religious thought and practice. The example and great commission of our Savior makes teaching fundamental in our Christian activities.

In the fourth century A. D. we are informed that "Gregory the Illuminator favored Bible schools for the children throughout America." And as late as 680 A. D. the sixth general council at Constantinople required the presbyters to hold schools, without financial remuneration, to teach the children the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. These schools have been called "the Sunday-Schools of the first ages of Christianity."

But the apostasy of the Roman Church suppressed apostolic democracy and established a hierarchy which displaced Bible teaching with "ritual ceremonies and priestly confessionals," and the Dark Ages was the result.

Though many isolated efforts of pioneering in Sunday School work during the Reformation period could be cited, no organized effort of any consequence was begun until 1780. In that eventful year Robert Raikes, Jr., of Gloucester England rose from his discouraging failure at prison reform to try what he could do with embryo prisoners in unfortunate children with his new idea, "vice is preventable;" and from that date we reckon our modern Sunday School movement.

From this small beginning when Raikes gathered from the slums of Gloucester groups of "ragged, wretched, cursing children" to try to teach them the better way the movement gradually gained recognition and favor, and from time to time found better methods and wider fields for service until now in every land where the name of Jesus Christ is known hundreds and thousands in England and America, multiplied millions come together each Sabbath day to receive instruction in the things of Christ.

The great need for the Burnt Swamp Association is trained teachers. And the means have been provided; the Training School is at our command, and the only cost is time and transportation. But very few avail themselves of the opportunity.

We require our week-day school teachers to take a course of training before they are allowed to teach; and to keep on taking training if they keep on teaching. But very few of our Sunday School teachers have taken any training whatever to fit them for giving even elementary instruction in the great doctrines of the Christian faith and life.

How long are we going to let this condition defeat our efforts to raise the standard of our Sunday Schools?

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. LOCKLEAR.

The Topic on Missions was called for and read by Rev. S. A. Hammons. The same was discussed by Bro. Hammons, Bro. C. E. Locklear and others and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSION.

Dear Brethren:—Your committee on Mission beg leave to make the following report:

The Missionary work is a divine enterprise, intrusted to the followers of Christ by the Lord himself. Not only did the Lord intrust this great mission work to his disciples when He called them and told them that he would make them fishers of men. But he has continued the call to us.

He is giving his great commission to-day to all Christians to carry or send the "good news," which is the Gospel. And He says, as you go and preach the Gospel, I will be with you. So dear Christian friends, let us be not discouraged, but remember the presence of the Lord is with us in the Mission work.

The blessing of heaven rest on every true Missionary and every Christian who are interested in carrying the Gospel to every soul.

Since the day of our Lord's ascension the Missionary work has met with all manner of assault from the enemy. But the Gospel shall never fail. So be of good cheer dear Christians, for if you are engaged in the mission work the Lord has promised to be with you, always even unto the end.

God wants action—So let us act Mission, preach Mission and send Mission.

Respectfully,

S. A. HAMMOND.

By motion the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. K. Henderson.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY.

The Association assembled for religious service, which was conducted by Bro. James Hammons at 9:45.

The Moderator called attention to the reading of the Scripture lesson from John 15th chapter. Prayer was offered by Rev. Z. R. Chavis.

The Moderator declared the house open and ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting friends and new constituted churches.

The topic on Periodicals by Rev. L. W. Jacobs, was discussed by Bro. Jacobs and Bro. Lee Humphrey and adopted.

The topic on Prayer Meeting was called for and read by Rev. J. C. Clark. The subject of Prayer Meeting was discussed by Bro. Clark and others and adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

The Bible which is the book of books, is preeminently the best prayer book in the world. We find in it our justification for public gatherings for prayer. For example the ten days meeting in the upper room preceeding pentacost, in which the apostles and women, and others, a hundred and twenty in all, participated; Acts 1; 13; 15.

The Church prayer meeting in the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark for which the release of Peter from prison; Acts 12; 5; 12. The Temple prayer meeting at the hour of prayer being the ninth hour; Acts 3; 1. And the river side prayer meeting at Phillipi; Acts 16; 13.

The Bible is full of examples of prayer. All the great men of the Bible were men of prayer as Moses and Elijah, David and Daniel, Jesus and Paul.

The prayers of the Bible are suited to the many sided experiences of men, as prayers for forgiveness of sin, for deliverence of evil, for revelation and guidance, and wisdom and knowledge and power. There are also prayers of intercession, and of thanksgiving and addoration.

For the most part, the prayers of the Bible are offered in the interest of the community and world, even the personal element often looking beyond to the larger interest.

One writer says:—"The immense outflow of spiritual power and moral energy that founded the Christian Church made prayer its spring and soul. Necessarily Christian prayer was strongly corporate. Such was the tendency in Jewish prayer. Even stronger was the tendency in Christian prayer. For Prayer is yearning and desire fed on hope and grounded in faith. The reason for the Apostolic Churches existance was her belief in the kingdom of God. The power that grouped chosen in-

dividuals together and built them into congregational units was on impassioned confidence in the reality and immanence of that divine order. Consequently prayer was the soul of the community, and this prayer, by its constitution was intensely corporate. The Lords prayer clearly shows this. Jesus put it forth not to serve as a specific prayer but to manifest the perspective proportion of prayer. It gives the framework and the constitution of prayer as Christians learned it from their master. The heart of it is a profound sense of solidarity between the followers of Jesus. Its fundamental quality is a corporate desire and will bent upon the kingdom of God.

That is the fundamental principle of ideal praying set forth in what is commonly known as the Lord's prayer, presents the ideal condition of all Christendom as a united body worshipping our heavenly Father and craving the establishing of his kingdom and the development of characters fitted for that kingdom.

And this should be the thought and motive back of our public and private devotions, that the kingdom of God may come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven and that we all may become fit subjects of that kingdom, and every one that claims to be a child of the king should join in that prayer meeting continually.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLARK.

The topic on Temperance was read by Rev. W. G. Hunt. The same was discussed by Bro. Hunt and others and then adopted.

The Association gave way at 11:45 for the mid-day sermon which was delivered by Rev. J. K. Henderson, Text, Amos 5:24, "Let justice roll down as mighty waters and righteousness as a mighty stream."

The Association then adjourned for the noon hour.

AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY.

The Association assembled at 1:20 o'clock and after song and prayer, the program was taken up.

The topic of Temperance was called for and was discussed by Rev. J. E. Hunt, Rev. Z. R. Chavis and Rev. S. A. Hammond and was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe that we should do well to practice Temperance more and more. We feel it a great necessity to urge the great habit of temperance.

We are told in the Bible to be temperate in all things, and surely

that would include such as eating, working, talking and drinking. The last named in the use of alcoholic stimulants, is one of the chief evils to all society. It is the expanded rail along the road of life. It has wrecked many homes, filled many prison cells, Crowded the orphan homes; and the Holy Word declares that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom.

Let us do all we can against this evil that we may have a strong and prosperous people, then perhaps, would our churches be filled with Christian workers with but few beggars.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HUNT, Committee.

The topic of Christian Education was called for and discussed by A. N. Locklear and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

If we have a correct version of our moral and religious condition, we will not wait for an answer on or to the question, "Do we need a Christian Training School?" but without hesitation frankly confess the answer, "Yes we are sadly in need of a Christian Training School in our community." Why? For safe and intelligent leadership of which we will not be ashamed. Our Public Schools, our Churches, our Sunday Schools and our homes need Christian men and women to lead and direct them, and if we expect to cope with the world around us we must have such leaders. We are lacking in the ministry, and especially in the Sunday School.

We are especially in need of S. S. Superintendents, B. Y. P. U. officials, Primary S. S. Teachers and many other positions of trust that need well trained people as leaders, for the blind are not safe leaders for the blind.

Christ is the highest type of leadership and we cannot be a successful leader except we are a little like Him.

I feel that it is now a primary responsibility on our Association to seriously consider the valuable need of religious leadership and to make one more step forward in this direction.

The Aim of Education. True education is the development of personality. It is therefore moral and spiritual as well as mental. It recognizes the fact that every man has a soul, and it is even more important to cultivate his soul than it is to train his intellect. Man is essentially a religious being, and no scheme of education that ignores this fact can be adequate to his needs. The only adequate education, therefore, is Christian education, the education that is based on Christian principles, conducted by Christian men and women, and inspired by Christian motives. No one but a Christian is morally fitted to undertake the

tremendous task of educating a boy or girl. The teacher must do something more than merely present a certain group of facts and get these into the minds of his pupils. A fine teacher was once asked how he could be content to spend his life teaching mathematics, going over the same subjects year after year. He replied, "I don't teach mathematics; I teach men."

The True Point of View. A great deal depends on the philosophy of life held by both teacher and student, their fundamental assumptions concerning God and man and the world in which we live. The only true view of the world is the Christian view. This is God's world. He made it. The laws that govern it are his laws; they are the expression of his nature and his will. No one who does not recognize these facts can properly interpret the word. The only teacher or student who can understand science properly is the one who can say with Kepler, as he studied the laws of the planets, "I am thinking thy thoughts after thee, O God." The doctrine of materialistic evolution is false because it rules God out of the world that he has made; it seeks to account for the universe by attributing it to the blind working of force upon matter. No teacher who believes in this theory can guide his students into the highest truth. In the field of history the belief in God is likewise essential to right teaching.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. LOCKLEAR,

Committee on C. E.

By motion, That the next Association be held with the Church at Antioch.

By motion, the Program Committee made their report as follows, which was received.

REPORT ON PROGRAM.

First Day.

Meet Thursday 10:30 o'clock—Prayer service by G. A. Carter.

11:00 o'clock—Annual Sermon by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

12:00 Noon.

1:15 o'clock—Organization

2:00 Report on Sunday School—Bro. J. J. Bell.

2:30 Report on Orphanage—L. W. Jacobs.

3:00 Report on Periodicals—D. D. Locklear.

Second Day.

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- 10:00 Report on Prayer Meeting by A. N. Locklear.
 10:45 Report on Temperance by Rev. A. T. Taylor.
 11:00 Report on Missions—Rev. P. P. Locklear.
 11:30 Christian Education by Rev. C. E. Locklear.
 12:00. Noon.
 1:15 General Business.
 2:30 Closing Exercise.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GODWIN,
 L. J. BELL,
 LLOYD LOWRIE,

Committee.

By motion, the Finance Committee made the following report, which was received and the committee discharged.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Received for Minutes and Clerk -----	\$ 73.11
For Orphanage -----	67.04
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	\$140.15
Real Total -----	\$157.15

Your Committee,

G. W. LOCKLEAR.
 W. A. BELL.

By motion, the Treasurer of the Association made the following report which was received:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received for Orphanage -----	\$205.12
Received for Associational purposes -----	\$123.85
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid to L. H. Caldwell -----	\$ 20.00
Paid Insurance on buildings -----	20.80
Paid to Clerk -----	25.00
Paid for Printing Minutes -----	55.75
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Total on hand -----	\$121.55
Balance on hand—Orphanage -----	\$205.12
For General purposes -----	2.30
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Total -----	\$207.42

L. W. JACOBS, Treasurer.

By motion, Rev. J. K. Henderson made the following Missionary report which was received:

REPORT OF J. K. HENDERSON FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR
ENDING NOV. 1, 1927.

Number of weeks labored	44
Number of sermons preached	54
Number other religious discourses delivered	225
Number of Prayer meetings conducted	2
Number religious visits made	10
Number of Sunday School Diplomas awarded	2
Number other awards	6
Money sent the Home Mission Board through Berea Church ----	\$55.00
To the Foreign Mission Board	\$1.20
By Bear Swamp Church	\$2.00

By motion, that we pay the Clerk twenty-five dollars for his services.

By motion, that we have (600) six hundred copies of the Proceedings printed.

By motion that the Association extend a vote of thanks to Bethel Hill Church and vicinity for the hospitality and kindness shown us during this Annual session.

A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk.

W. D. OXENDINE, Moderator.

REPORT ON OBITUARY.

We, your committee on Obituary, make the following report:

BEAR SWAMP—Mrs. Mandy Chavis, Mrs. Harriet Graham, Mrs. Elar Hammons, Mr. Eddie Jacobs.

MT. AIRY—Mrs. Effie Smith. Died Aug. 17, 1927.

MT. OLIVE—Mr. Russell McLean.

BETHEL HILL—Mr. E. Pone. Died July 5, 1927.

REEDY BRANCH—Mr. Malcolm Hunt, Mrs. Arninda Lowry, Mrs. Margaret Oxendine, Miss Mary E. Hunt, Mrs. Rosetta Hunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Chavis, Mrs. Polly Locklear, Mrs. Mary Hunt.

PLEASANT VIEW—Mrs. Mary Eliza Hunt.

PINEY GROVE—Mr. Berry Oxendine, Mr. Daniel Jones.

HICKORY GROVE—Mrs. Ellar Rogers.

W. A. OXENDINE,

D. D. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Cherokee Indian of Robeson County.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the various churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association. Who shall be members? Whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory council, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on a petition by letter and delegates if, on examination they be found orthodox, manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome to the delegates: Provided further, that no church shall be admitted without a site to build on with a clear title, to be examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in this Union shall be entitled to a representation of three members chosen from each church: Provided further, the preachers from the various churches of the Association shall have the same power as the delegates.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper, and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 10. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for a union of churches. (2) to present inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) to inquire into the cause if the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) to appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose deemed proper; (6) to appoint any members, by

and with their consent, to transact any business they see proper; (7) to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion; (8) to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. No church in this Association shall ordain a man to the full work of the Ministry until they have completed the 7th grade in an accredited school.

Art. 12. This form of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Statistical Report of the Churches in Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association for the year ending Nov. 1927.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	S. S. SUPT. AND POSTOFFICE.					
			Baptisms.	Church Membership.	Sunday School Membership.	Regular Preaching Days.	Christian Education.
1. Antioch	Rev. C. E. Locklear	W. D. Carter, St. Paul, N. C.	17	122	100	2	5 00
2. Bear Swamp	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	Z. R. Chavis, Pembroke, N. C.	4	107	30	1	30 40
3. Berea	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	Jas. C. Oxendine, Pembroke, N. C.	3	40	92	3	25 00
4. Bethel Hill	Rev. A. T. Taylor	D. L. Lowry, Lumberton, N. C.	4		77	1	
5. First Baptist	Rev. C. E. Locklear	W. H. Goodwin, Pembroke, N. C.		34	52	4	
6. Gray Pond	Rev. C. E. Locklear	W. C. Chavis, Pembroke, N. C.		32		1	
7. Harpers Ferry	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	Horace Jacobs, Pates, N. C.	2	74	80	3	15 50
8. Hickory Grove	Rev. L. A. Maynor	D. M. Oxendine, Maxton, N. C.		15		2	
9. Mt. Olive	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	S. M. Bell, Lumberton, N. C.	8	144	150	2	11 50
10. Mt. Airy	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	S. W. D. Oxendine, Buie, N. C.	8	151	144	1 4	8 80
11. Mt. Moriah	Rev. P. P. Locklear	F. L. Locklear, Lumberton, N. C.		55		3	
12. Mt. Elim	Rev. L. A. Maynor	C. L. Oxendine, Red Springs, N. C.	5	74	104	3	6 00
13. Oak Grove	Rev. S. A. Hammons	D. A. Locklear, Laurinburg, N. C.	1	89	88	1	
14. Piney Grove	Rev. J. E. Hunt	S. M. Oxendine, Fairmont, N. C.	1	88		3	
15. Pleasant View	Rev. J. E. Hunt	John W. Sampson, Fairmont, N. C.	36	123	104	2 4	12 00
16. Reedy Branch	Rev. J. E. Hunt	S. P. Hunt, Lumberton, N. C.	7	225	133	1	10 00
17. Smyrna	Rev. R. B. Jacobs	N. R. Morgan, Allenton, N. C.	3	63	57	3	
18. Tenmile Center	Rev. J. E. Hunt	Grady Canady, Lumberton, N. C.	2	40	43	4	2 00
19. Union	Rev. W. A. Bell	J. A. Lowry, Lumberton, N. C.	3	32	8	4	2 50
20. Bethany	Rev. W. J. Sampson	Ira Holmes, Lumberton, N. C.				2	

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 A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk ----- ~~Pates~~ N. C.

Pembroke

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. J. J. Bell -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. W. A. Bell -----	Lumberton, N. C.
✓ Rev. Lawrence Maynor -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Z. R. Jacobs -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev Jeremiah Jacobs -----	Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Clark -----	Pembroke, N. C.
✓ Rev. L. W. Jacobs -----	Pembroke, N. C.
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Rev. R. B. Jacobs -----	Lumberton, N. C.
✓ Rev Z. B. Brooks -----	Pembroke, N. C.
✓ Rev. S. A. Hammons -----	Lumberton, N. C.
✓ Rev. C. E. Locklear -----	Pembroke, N. C.
✓ Rev. P. P. Locklear -----	Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. B. F. Jones -----	Lumberton, N. C.
✓ Rev. W. G. Hunt -----	Lumberton, N. C.
✓ Rev. J. E. Hunt -----	Fairmont, N. C.
✓ Rev. W. J. Sampson -----	Lumberton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY.

The Fiftieth Annual Session of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met with Antioch church Nov. 1, 1928.

The devotional exercise was conducted by Rev. J. C. Clark, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. W. Jacobs. His theme was the "Cross," from the text, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of Christ." Gal. 6:14.

The congregation was dismissed for noon.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY.

The Association assembled promptly at one o'clock, and after song by the congregation, the Moderator read part of the 5th chapter of Romans. A second Hymn was sung and prayer was offered by Bro. W. H. Godwin.

The Moderator now declared the Association open and ready for the transaction of business. The Moderator appointed the following committees, namely:

Finance Committee—Bros. K. H. Jones and T. H. Hammons.

Committee of Arrangements—Bros. G. A. Carter, E. G. Smith, and G. W. Bell.

Program Committee—Bros. G. W. Locklear, J. O. Brooks, and Willie Chavis.

Obituary Committee—Bros. Willie Blanks and Richard Hardin.

Executive Committee—J. J. Bell, J. C. Clark, A. N. Locklear, C. E. Locklear, and L. W. Jacobs.

The Roll of Churches was called and a majority found present.

On motion of the Rev. J. J. Bell, the Church letters were called for and read in the presence of the body.

By motion the church letters were received except the petition letters.

The Moderator now declared the Association ready for the annual election of officers.

By motion, Bro. W. D. Oxendine was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

By motion, Bro. A. N. Locklear was elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

By motion, Rev. L. W. Jacobs was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The location of the next Association was taken up and was located with the Bear Swamp Church.

By motion, the program was taken up, and the following topics were discussed:

First Topic, SUNDAY SCHOOL, which was read by Rev. J. J. Bell, and discussed by Bro. Bell, then adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL.

Next to the preaching of the gospel may be reconed the Sabbath school as an instrumentality for religious good. The influence of the Sabbath school is two fold. The direct influence on the pupils in moulding and forming their minds and the indirect influence through the children on their parents and household, and on their associates. The religious instruction and training in household and the church is too little understood and a appreciated. The character and influence for good or evil in subsequent life depends chiefly on the morals and religious training in childhood. Divine Wisdom has provided for this and enjoin that these words which I command you this day, shall be in their hearts. Thou shall teach diligently unto thy children and shall talk of them when thou sitest in thy house and when thou liest down when thou riseth up.

The Relation the Sunday School has to the Church—The School is created by, is dependent on and under absolute control of the church. The church appoints its officers as they would appoint any other committee for any other specific work. The church is responsible for the support and for its obligations and to maintain a watchful guardianship over its welfare and the manner in which the work is performed.

Your committee would urge that each church would organize a Sunday School in each church in the bounds of the Association.

Respectfully,

J. J. BELL.

By motion, the Report on Prayermeeting was read by Bro. A. N. Locklear. This report was discussed by Locklear and adopted.

PRAYER MEETING.

Prayer is a petition to some one for the things we think we need.

In prayer meeting, we come short perhaps in many respects. One weak point in our church is that we do not meet often enough, and many of us are not willing to remain long enough in prayer service.

We fail to be zealous enough of good works. We need not to be ashamed of the world. We appear to be too weak. We fail to personally appeal to *sinners* in a way to interest them.

We may fail to have any definite *object* in our prayer meeting. The main object is for our own strength and the Salvation of sinners.

Prayer meeting is one essential part of the Gospel Net, "*to catch sinners*". There should be a prayer meeting conducted in every church. Every minister should encourage this.

A. N. LOCKLEAR.

By motion, the Report on Periodicals was called for, and discussed by Rev. D. D. Locklear and Rev. J. K. Henderson and then adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe that Periodicals should take the first place in our home teaching with our own children. And at all times be sure that they are taught with Christian Literature or some kind of literature that is backed by Biblical authority. We are anxious to cultivate the minds of our people with good education, and its very important to us now to cultivate the hearts of our people—it shall be done by Periodicals. Now there are many good Christian Periodicals we could recommend and ask the readers to take advantage of the good papers and magazines, but beyond all, we recommend you to practice the Bible and teach it in the home and where chance will allow, and then while we have cultivated the mind of some one we eventually will lead some one mind and soul to Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

D. D. LOCKLEAR, Committee.

By motion, the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:40 o'clock.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

G. A. Carter
E. G. Smith
G. W. Bell
Morie Jacobs
Wm. Locklear
Junius Jacobs
E. V. Hunt
Donnie Revels

Eli Jacobs
E. L. Oxendine
W. H. Kellahan
D. A. Locklear
D. D. Locklear
David Locklear
S. M. Oxendine
Clide Hunt

PROCEEDINGS

Jas. Sampson	Branson Chavis
J. E. Hammons	John Hunt
L. A. Brewington	Sherman Hunt
Thomas C. Cummings	Gaston Carter
W. H. Godwin	J. O. Brooks
Andrew Hunt	A. E. Hammons
Sandy Chavis	Willie Blanks
Bennie Chavis	Richard Hardin
Harrison Chavis	Raymon Canady
Walter Rogers	W. J. Jacobs
Luther Rogers	J. A. Lowry
Barfield Rogers	J. R. Stricklan
W. L. Chavis	Dannie Locklear
Savaston Chavis	Harry Griffin
W. R. Locklear	Percil Locklear
Troy C. Cummings	J. E. Oxendine
R. J. Locklear	William Locklear
C. E. Oxendine	Manaan Jones
F. L. Locklear	Norman Locklear
Eli Chavis	James Fields
K. H. Jones	

SECOND DAY.

The Association met according to the program.

The devotional exercises was conducted by Bro. G. W. Bell.

The proceedings of yesterday were omitted

The Moderator read for morning lesson part of the 8th chapter of Romans.

The proceedings of yesterday were called for and read by the clerk.

The same was received allowing certain correction.

By motion, the Report on Orphanage was called for and read by Rev. L. W. Jacobs. The same was discussed by Bro. Jacobs, A. N. Locklear and Rev. S. A. Hammons. A collection followed of \$19.30, for orphanage.

By motion, the report was received.

The Report of the Treasurer was also called for and received.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Orphanage Funds.

Had on hand Nov. 1927 ----- \$205.12

Received from Association, 1927 -----	67.04
Received from Union, Jan. 1928 -----	36.03
Received from Union April, 1928 -----	15.56
Received from Union July, 1928 -----	25.50
Received from Union September, 1928 -----	21.50
Received for wood -----	53.00
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Total, -----	\$413.75

Minute Fund and Other Objects

Received from Association, 1927 -----	\$ 73.11
Had on hand -----	2.30
Received from Union Jan. -----	15.44
Received from Union September -----	5.00
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Total, -----	\$ 98.85

Disbursement

Paid to Clerk -----	\$ 25.00
Paid for Insurance -----	20.80
Paid for Minutes -----	42.75
Paid to M. C. Chavis -----	5.00
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Total -----	\$ 93.75
Balance on hand -----	\$ 2 30

L. W. JACOBS, Treasurer.

By motion, the letter from Smyrna church was read and received, and the delegate's names enrolled.

Her finances shows \$5.00 for orphanage and \$2.50 for minutes.

By motion, the Report on Temperance was called for, and discussed by Rev. S. A. Hammons. This report will be placed in the proceedings when delivered.

By motion, the Report on Missions was called for, and produced by the Rev. P. P. Locklear. The topic was discussed by Bro. Locklear and Rev. J. K. Henderson and then adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

I think I can best give the meaning of missions, the extent of the responsibility and the scope of the field by a quotation from Dr. D. L. Leonard's "A Hundred Years of Missions."

There are two words in common use, the one derived from the Latin and the other from the Greek, which have the same meaning, to send. The first is (Mitto) with its various derivations. Thus a missile is something sent, as from the hand, or from a gun, and a missive is a communication sent, . . . The other term is apostle (apostello) with its derivations. Hence an apostle, or missionary, in the original sense is one sent, sent as an ambassador, sent to bear some message, to perform some special service. . . . In the particular case before us the mission, the apostleship, the sending, relates of course to publishing everywhere abroad the need and the fact of redemption through the sacrifice of the Son of God, or to the founding and building throughout every continent and island that blessed and glorious kingdom which is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. And the all-important question is, Who are called to be apostles, missionaries? Or, Who are sent upon this supreme business, are commissioned and commanded to go?

"Certainly, with the Gospels and the Epistles as our guide But one reply is possible—All are missionaries, every one of every age, class, and condition; all without exception, and all equally. The obligation (or better, call it privilege) is universal, being inherent in our calling as Christians, the followers of the Lord Jesus. To be missionaries, apostles, witnesses, heralds ambassadors, is our chief business on earth: for this we were made, and for this we were saved, renewed. Every soul is sent on a mission which is life-long, and to the whole world. All are expected to volunteer for the tremendous campaign to vanquish sin and to rescue the race. There is no commutation for money, nor are substitutes allowed. . . . Of course not all go to foreign lands any more than all enter the pulpit. As somebody well expresses the fact: 'It is only some who are called to the heathen, but all are called for the heathen.' The divine Captain assigns to service as he will; it is ours only with alacrity to obey. Some do duty as home guards, some in the field and at the front. Scouts are required and skirmishers. There is the indispensable infantry arm, and the cavalry, and the artillery, the engineer corps, and hospital detail."

And so we see the missionary task. There are divisions in the work, but the aim is one, the overthrow of sin and the establishment of the kingdom of Christ on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. P. P. LOCKLEAR.

The Association called off for the noon sermon by Rev. D. D. Locklear, from Luke 2:7; Text, "There Was No Room for Them in the Inn."

The Moderator now dismissed the Association for noon.

AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY.

The Association convened at 1:45, and after song service and prayer by Bro. W. J. Jacobs, the Moderator declared the Association ready for work.

By motion the Report on Christian Education, was called for, and was read by Rev. C. E. Locklear. The report was discussed by Bro. Locklear and Rev. J. K. Henderson, then adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian education is the process of producing the re-embodiment of Christ in every surrendered life; and apart from the co-operation of the Holy Spirit is impossible.

With the coming of Christ both religion and education take on new interest and significance. Apart from Christianity interest and training centers largely in the State, and the individual is of little consequence save as he brings power and prestige to the State. But the teachings of Christ point to the individual as the center of interest, and the State as ordained of God for the protection of individual interests and the punishment of evil-doers.

The preparation of the individual for the indwelling of Christ and the increase of Christ in the individual is the work of Christian education. This calls for the hearty cooperation of the home and the church and the school, with the Holy Spirit directing the work, to accomplish the worthy task.

One writer on Christian Education says:

"The teachings of Christ were so radically new that men were slow to adopt them. Their acceptance involved a change of habit, the abandonment of customs not before regarded as evil, the yielding of social caste, the humbling of the individual. Herein existed a most serious obstacle to the establishment of Christian education."

The teachings of Christ involve the same things to-day; and the difficulty of the vitalizing them in an educational system seems just as great as in the beginning of the Christian era.

The theory of Christianity is taught and learned in many of our educational institutions, and multitudes are familiar with the self-sacrificing life of our Lord, and extol his doctrines and ministry; but for one to actually put into practice this self-sacrificing life is all too rare. It seems the exception rather than the rule when one takes seriously the idea of adopting the activities of Christ as his rule of life, so as to bring about a complete change of habits and abandonment of former customs, and the yielding of social casts and the clothing of one's self with humility. Christian education ought to make this rule of life for

every one that enters the Christian Training School. It ought to develop the likeness of Christ in the very heartfiber of the Christian student instead of producing a mere mental picture of a perfect life that was lived nineteen hundred years ago.

This calls for reconsecration of the Home and the Church and the School to the colossal task, in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, if we would really educate for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. LOCKLEAR.

By motion, the Report on Finance was received.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on finance make the following report:

Received for Minutes and Orphanage from the various churches	\$110.70
Antioch -----	\$ 5.00
Bear Swamp -----	3.00
Bethel Hill -----	3.00
First Baptist -----	2.00
Gray Pond -----	5.00
Harpers Ferry -----	10.00
Hickory Grove -----	1.00
Mt. Olive -----	7.00
Mt. Airy -----	6.25
Mt. Mariah -----	4.00
Mt. Elim -----	3.00
Oak Grove -----	4.00
Piney Grove -----	8.00
Pleasant View -----	5.00
Reedy Branch -----	5.00
Ten Mile Center -----	5.00
Union -----	2.00
Bethany -----	1.25
Zion Hill -----	1.00
Collection for Orphanage -----	19.30
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	\$104.20
Smyrna—Orphanage -----	5.00
Minutes -----	1.50
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	\$110.70

The Program Committee made the following report, which was received:

REPORT ON PROGRAM.

First Day.

Meet Thursday 10:30, A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service by Bro. T. C. Cummings.

11:00 Annual Sermon by Rev. S. A. Hammond.

12:00 Noon.

1:15, P. M. Organization.

2:00, P. M. Report on Sunday School—Bro. A. N. Locklear.

2:30, P. M. Report on Orphanage—Rev. C. E. Locklear.

3:00, P. M. Report on Periodicals—Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

Second Day.

9:40, A. M. Prayer and Praise Service by Bro. Morean Jacobs.

10:00, A. M. Report on Prayer Meeting by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

10:45, A. M. Report on Temperance by Bro. N. A. Lowry.

11:00, A. M. Report on Missions by Rev. J. J. Bell.

11:00, A. M. Sermon by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

12:00 Noon.

1:15, P. M. Report on Christian Education—Bro. J. L. Carter.

1:30, P. M. General Business.

2:00, P. M. Closing Exercise.

Respectfully,

G. W. LOCKLEAR,

J. O. BROOKS,

W. L. CHAVIS,

Committee.

The Report on Obituary was called for and read. By motion, the report was received.

REPORT ON OBITUARY.

We, your committee, make the following Report:

Bear Swamp—Miss Kezziah Maynor, Miss Ila Hammond.

Harpers Ferry—Miss Kittie Rogers.

Pleasant View Church—Mrs. Mary Oxendine.

First Baptist—Mrs. Ira Holmes.

Bethel Hill—Mrs. May Berry.

Ten Mile Center—Mrs. Amretta Harden—Died Aug 29, 1928.

Antioch Church—A. F. Knight, Mary Locklear.

Mt. Moriah Church—Mrs. Minnie Hunt.

Mt. Olive Church—Mr. Henry Carter.

Reedy Branch Church—Mr. James Brooks, Mrs. Joannah Hunt.

WILLIE BLANKS,

RICHARD HARDING,

Committee.

THE DEATH OF A BELOVED YOUNG MAN BRINGS
SORROW TO MANY HEARTS.

Lumberton, N. C., Route No. 3, Box 112, Oct. 19th, 1928.

It still brings sadness to our hearts, when we think back to July 20th, 1928. About 4:00, P. M., when the death angel visited Baker's Sanatorium and took a beloved son and brother Mr. James Brooks.

Mr. Brooks was son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Brooks. Mr. Brooks lived to 14 years, 10 months and 4 days old. He was dearly loved by those who knew him. Mr. Brooks is greatly missed in his home, in his church and throughout the community. He was a member of Reedy Branch Baptist church. Brother James was loyal to his home and to his church. He was very attentive to his Wednesday nights prayer service. He leaves to mourn a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Brooks, four sisters, Mrs. Donnie Revels of Pembroke, Miss Macie, Thelma and Margaret, one brother, little Joseph, Jr., and a host of friends. It was hard to give James up, but the will of God must be done.

We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. I want to say that each and every young man should take warning from this and prepare to meet death when it comes. For just how death finds our bodies so will Judgment find our souls. We feel that Mr. Brooks had made preparations to meet a loving Savior, and could say hinder me not. Come welcome death I'll gladly go with thee. For he could lay on his death bed and tell his mother to tell a friend of his who he was dearly loved by if he never saw him any more to meet him in heaven, and as I, the writer, being the one he was speaking of, by the grace of God, I intend to meet him as he said for me to do. May God bless the home of this beloved brother. For the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord.

ALBERT HAMMONDS.

By motion, pay Clerk \$25.00 and have (700) seven hundred copies of proceedings.

By motion, that the following named brethren be dropped from the list of Ordained Preachers: E. F. Warix, S. S. Lowry.

By motion, that a vote of thanks be extended this church and community.

By motion, we stand adjourned.

W. D. OXENDINE, Moderator.

A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Cherokee Indian of Robeson County.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the various churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association. Who shall be members? Whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory council, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on a petition by letter and delegates if, on examination they be found orthodox, manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome to the delegates: Provided further, that no church shall be admitted without, a site to build on with a clear title, to be examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in this Union shall be entitled to a representation of three members chosen from each church: Provided further, the preachers from the various churches of the Association shall have the same power as the delegates.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper, and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 10. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for a union of churches. (2) to present inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; (3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) to inquire into the cause if the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) to appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose deemed proper; (6) to appoint any members, by

and with their consent, to transact any business they see proper; (7) to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion; (8) to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. No church in this Association shall ordain a man to the full work of the Ministry until they have completed the 7th grade in an accredited school.

Art. 12. This form of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES.

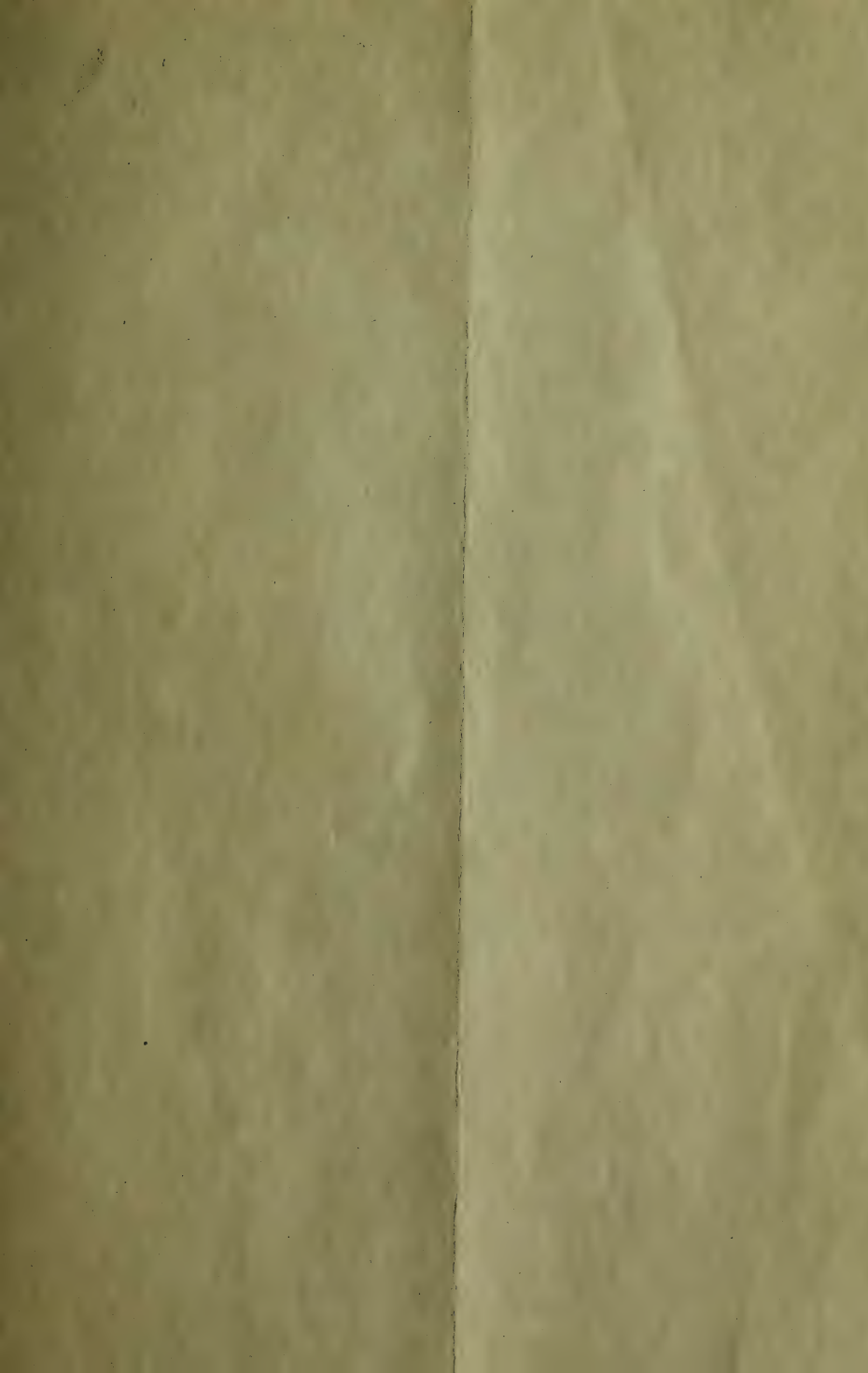
CHURCHES	PASTORS	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICE.	Increase in Membership.					Decrease in Membership.					Roll of Church Members.		Sunday School Roll.	
			By Baptism.	By Letter, etc.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Roll.	Average.	Preaching Days				
Antioch	Rev. C. E. Locklear	W. D. Carter, St. Paul	26	61	2	4	1	--	152	105	75	2				
Bear Swamp	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	Rev. Z. R. Chavis, Pembroke	6	6	--	6	8	--	115	--	--	1				
Berea	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	Jas. C. Oxendine, Pembroke	2	2	--	--	--	--	43	106	60	3				
Bethany	Rev. D. D. Locklear															
Bethel Hill	Rev. A. T. Taylor	D. L. Lowry, Lumberton	7	1	1	3	1	42	55	97	86	60				
First Baptist	Rev. C. E. Locklear	W. H. Godwin, Pembroke	8	2	3	1	--	40	66	40	66	4				
Gray Pond	Rev. C. E. Locklear		2	3	--	2	2	--	42	--	--	--				
Harpers Ferry	Rev. C. E. Locklear	Marvin Lowry, Pembroke	2	1	1	--	25	51	76	108	60	3				
Hickory Grove	Rev. L. A. Maynor	L. Rogers, Maxton	11	5	--	2	--	28	--	17	--	2				
Mt. Airy	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	W. D. Oxendine, Buie	1	4	--	2	--	154	--	75	--	14				
Mt. Elm	Rev. L. A. Maynor	C. L. Oxendine, Red Springs	2	2	10	--	--	68	62	40	--	3				
Mt. Moriah	Rev. P. P. Locklear	K. H. Jones	17	11	1	4	1	--	141	80	50	3				
Mt. Olive	Rev. L. W. Jacobs	S. M. Bell, Lumberton	1	5	--	--	--	142	156	90	--	2				
Oak Grove	Rev. S. A. Hammons	D. A. Locklear, Laurinburg	3	1	--	5	1	--	87	82	38	1				
Piney Grove	Rev. J. W. Sampson		5	1	--	2	--	99	58	--	--	3				
Pleasant View	Rev. J. E. Hunt	Jno. W. Sampson, Lumberton	5	4	1	2	1	--	118	123	60	24				
Reedy Branch	Rev. C. E. Locklear	S. P. Hunt, Lumberton	13	12	20	2	--	354	--	92	--	1				
Smyrna	Rev. R. B. Jacobs	N. R. Morgan, Allenton	3	3	--	--	--	63	64	55	--	1				
Tennille Center	Rev. J. E. Hunt	Kinnie Smith, Lumberton	12	3	1	4	1	--	48	48	30	1				
Union	Rev. W. G. Hunt	J. A. Lowry, Lumberton	--	4	--	1	--	27	--	23	--	24				
Zion Hill	Rev. Z. R. Chavis	C. Locklear, Rennett	1	5	--	13	--	36	53	30	--	2.3				

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GIFTS TO LOCAL CHURCH WORK.

CHURCHES	TREASURER AND POST OFFICE	Pastor's Salary.	Other Salaries, Ministerial Help, Etc	Building and Repairs.	Literature.	Help Given to Local Poor.	Minute Fund.	Orphanage Fund.	Other Objects.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Value of Church Property.
Antioch	Will Carter St. Paul	187 27 17 95	89 75 30 70	13 00 27 00	7 00 5 00	8 00 11 00						\$2500 00
Bear Swamp	Peter Oxendine, Pembroke	126 86		4 00 41 14	22 66 4 40	8 00 18 00						1500 00
Berea	L. J. Bell, Pembroke	60 32									93 00	2000 00
Bethany	E. J. Emanuel, Lumberton	80 13 11 25										1800 00
Bethel Hill	W. H. Godwin, Pembroke	100 00										1500 00
First Baptist		100 00										
Gray Pond		102 07 15 00	100 00 30 50	7 00 5 00	5 00 5 00							1500 00
Harpers Ferry	M. C. Chavis, Fates	27 40 2 50										
Hickory Grove	Walter Rogers, Wagram	325 00 11 15										2500 00
Mt. Airy	Geo. Locklear, Buie	84 11 15 92										
Mt. Elim	G. W. Tyler, Red Springs	75 00 38 00	30 00	2 87 61 50	4 00					3 00		1000 00
Mt. Moriah	E. Hunt, Lumberton	231 26 5 60	43 81 13 60	7 00 5 00	18 55 19 50							2100 00
Mt. Olive	Geo. L. Locklear, Lumberton	120 00 10 00	14 07 19 81	4 00	4 00							1800 00
Oak Grove	D. A. Locklear, Laurinburg	55 95 12 30	11 18 21 80	5 00	3 00							1000 00
Piney Grove	K. B. Hunt, Fairmont	100 35 8 65	275 70 23 91	5 00						9 00		1500 00
Pleasant View	Neil Morgan, Fairmont	68 00 68 78	24 85	4 65 5 00								2000 00
Reedy Branch	C. H. Hunt, Fairmont	50 00 29 00	57 80 12 00	3 50 1 50	5 00 5 00							1000 00
Smyrna	Dock Carter, Allenton	91 62 5 00	100 10 10 49	35 00 5 00	2 00 4 00	5 00						1500 00
Tenmile Center	W. W. Blanks, Lumberton	22 89 14 01	45 65 8 55	2 00	2 00							1200 00
Union	S. J. Clark, Lumberton											
Zion Hill	M. Jones, Lumberton											

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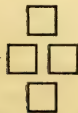
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

W. D. OXENDINE, Moderator ----- Buie, N. C.
A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk ----- Pembroke, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. J. J. Bell ----- Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. W. A. Bell ----- Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Lawrence Maynor ----- Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Z. R. Jacobs ----- Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. Jeremiah Jacobs ----- Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Clark ----- Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. L. W. Jacobs ----- Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. A. T. Taylor ----- Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. T. H. Hammons ----- Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. R. B. Jacobs ----- Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Z. B. Brooks ----- Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. S. A. Hammons ----- Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. C. E. Locklear ----- Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. P. P. Locklear ----- Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. B. F. Jones ----- Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. W. G. Hunt ----- Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. J. E. Hunt ----- Fairmont, N. C.
Rev. W. J. Sampson ----- Lumberton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY

The Association assembled promptly at 10:30 o'clock. The prayer service was conducted by Bro. T. C. Cummings. Several hymns were sung and prayers were offered by Rev. J. C. Clark and Bro. G. W. Locklear.

Dr. Madrey of Raleigh made an address, calling on several visitors to the Association to stand so they might be better known to the body.

We were delighted to know these Brethren and Sisters as follows: Namely, Dr. J. W. Beagle of Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Livingston Johnson, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, Dr. Skyler, Rev. Pridgen, Miss Mary Livermore, Mission worker, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Lunsford. The last two mentioned being the present Missionary workers for the Burnt Swamp Association.

The Introductory sermon was delivered by Dr. J. W. Beagle, text being Matt. 9:36. "And when he saw the multitude, he had compassion upon them," his theme being "Love."

Dr. Madrey again, told in plain the good that may be accomplished by certain chains of cooperation. The Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON

The Association assembled at 1:15, by singing, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." The Moderator read part of 5th chapter of Matthew and prayer was offered by Bro. G. W. Locklear, and after second song, prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

The Roll of churches was called and all responded but one.

By motion, the church letters were called for and read and the delegates' names enrolled.

Bros. Clarence Oxendine and A. A. Carter were appointed a finance committee.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

G. W. Bell
Carson Bell
E. G. Smith
E. V. Hunt

A. J. Jacobs
John Sampson
Warren Dial
Richard Chavis

Donnie Revels
 L. J. Bell
 D. L. Lowry
 J. E. Hammons
 E. J. Emanuel
 Lonnie Cummings
 H. A. Morgan
 Margarete Jones
 P. A. Oxendine
 M. C. Jacobs
 William Chavis
 Rosevelt Dunn
 J. D. Chavis
 D. M. Oxendine
 Ralph Oxendine
 Barfield Rogers
 T. C. Cummings
 R. D. Locklear
 W. D. Oxendine
 B. L. Locklear
 C. L. Oxendine
 Bruce Oxendine
 K. H. Jones
 Emery Hunt
 A. L. Hunt
 Alton Clark

W. O. Hammons
 Neill Morgan
 John Hunt
 S. P. Hunt
 Jas. A. Fields
 N. R. Morgan
 Kinnie Smith
 J. R. Stricklan
 W. J. Jacobs
 Norman Locklear
 M. C. Chavis
 A. N. Locklear
 Henry Dunn
 Bently Walters
 Berry Hunt
 Elias Oxendine
 Neill Jacobs
 C. H. Hunt
 Jas. P. Fields
 Ransom Chavis
 Halmon Canada
 J. A. Lowry
 C. L. Locklear
 Allen Ransom
 Marvin Lowry

The Moderator declared the time ready for the Annual Election of officers. The following were elected, namely:

Bro. W. D. Oxendine, Moderator.

Bro. A. N. Locklear, Clerk.

Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Treasurer.

General Business was resumed and the Moderator appointed Bros. T. C. Cummings and D. D. Locklear, Obituary Committee.

Program Committee: Rev. W. G. Hunt and Jas. E. Hammons.

Executive Board: Rev. J. J. Bell, Rev. J. C. Clark, Rev. C. E. Locklear, Rev. L. W. Jacobs, and A. N. Locklear.

By motion, the next Association was located with Reedy Branch church.

By motion, the program was taken up. The first topic was on Sunday School, by Bro. A. N. Locklear. This topic was read and discussed by Bros. H. Locklear, Dr. Beagle and Rev. Lunsford then adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Sunday School is an asset to any community. Sunday school is a necessity to civic condition of any people.

Sunday School work should be encouraged by everybody, and especially by Fathers and Mothers.

Our Sunday Schools need to be thoroughly graded and re-organized. We sadly need trained official help to carry on this work.

We have many good Sunday Schools but they can be made better.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. LOCKLEAR.

The Report on Orphanage was called for and was produced and read by Rev. C. E. Locklear. The same being discussed by Bro. Locklear and then adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Three years ago some of the leading brethren of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association said, "Let us build an Orphans' Home." At the following session of the Association a resolution was passed, asking all the churches in the Association to send in money for that purpose. But, for some reason, the response has been very slow. Until the present time we have raised but \$513.00 for an orphanage for our people.

Why are we so slow in giving to this cause? It is because we do not have the means? No. It is because we do not need an orphanage. No. It is because of lack of interest; or else the proposition has not been placed squarely before our people. We have not realized that it is one of our great duties to help those that have need. James said "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." I do not think that the Apostle meant for us to go and look on and say, "Poor woman," and "Poor Child." No. I think he meant for us to go with full hands and do with all our might what our hands find to do.

Jesus said, "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples if ye have love one for another." Then the great Apostle also said, "Love not in words, but in deed and in truth." So then the true measure of our love is our deeds. We show to God how much we love Him by the way we serve Him; we show our families how much we love them by the way we provide for them; we show orphans how much we love them by the amount we give to this cause.

There are at present several orphan children and several mothers with children within the bounds of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association who sorely need our help. Many of them have no schooling; they do not attend

church, and some of them are being used almost as slaves. They are being brought up in the world without a chance. May the God of the widow and the orphan help us to hear the cry of these little ones saying, "Come and help us."

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. LOCKLEAR.

The Report on Periodicals by Rev. L. W. Jacobs was discussed by Rev. M. C. Lunsford and adopted.

This report was not handed in.

By motion, the Association called off 'till tomorrow at 9:40 o'clock. The congregation joined in singing "Amazing Grace," during which time a collection of \$5.40 was taken up for Bro. G. W. Bell.

The Association was then dismissed with prayer by Dr. J. W. Beagle.

SECOND DAY

The Association assembled at 9:50. The devotional exercise was conducted by Bro. A. A. Carter. Prayer was offered by Rev. Z. R. Chavis, and after second song, which was led by Bro. Scion Wilkins, prayer was offered by Bro. John Sampson.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business and read St. John 4th chapter, and song, "There is a fountain filled with blood," was sung, and prayer was made by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

The Roll of Delegates was called for and read.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and received.

The program was taken up and disposed of as follows:

The topic of Prayer Meeting was read by Rev. W. G. Hunt, and discussed by Bro. Hunt, Bro. J. K. Jones and Rev. M. C. Lunsford and then adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

During the past three years this subject has been discussed with the hope that every community would by this time have a living prayer meeting organized and doing good for the community, which I hope has been done. Yet I fear there is still territory for organization, and we recommend that every church create a Prayer Meeting for its community.

It is our Christian duty to meet and pray to God. Peter and John were on their way to prayer service when hailed by the lame man. They stopped and by faith healed him and he joined their company and went to church. Prayermeeting is very essential to all churches and we do heartily

recommend a regular prayermeeting for every church. It means much to be in real prayer service, where the soul may pour out its desire to God. The church is the place and God through Jesus Christ is the source. This regular prayer meeting becomes a net by which sinners are caught and brought up to Christ. God wants us all to work, and in this field of Prayer Meeting there is much that we can do.

W. G. HUNT,
Committee on Prayer Meeting.

The report on Temperance was called for and read by Bro. N. A. Lowry. The same was discussed by Bro. Lowry and Bro. A. N. Locklear, then adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance means self control—not so much abstiners as we sometimes think. If our people could learn self-control then there would not be so much trouble in our land. The reason of many disasters today is because man has lost the control of their selves. We always fault people because they indulge in strong drink; we say they are intemperate. Well, they are, we cannot make anything else out of it. But the great trouble is they have not learned to control themselves. The great man Solomon said, Who hath Woe? Who hath sorrow? Then he answered himself and said, They that tarried long at the wine. We are ready to agree with Solomon at once. But is that all the intemperance? I say no, for of all, the greatest intemperance of the world today, is the tongue of deceit. Temperance when put into practice is one of the greatest lessons that a man can learn. When we have learned to be a temperate man or woman, then we have achieved our greatest task in life.

Yours submitted,

N. A. LOWRY.

At 11:30, Prof. J. E. Sawyer, of the Indian Normal School, preached a very able and interesting sermon on "Growth," from Second Peter 4:18, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The Association was then dismissed in prayer by Rev. C. E. Locklear for noon.

AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The music in song was led by Rev. L. W. Jacobs. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. A. Maynor.

The program was taken up and disposed of as follows: The subject of Missions was called for and read by Rev. J. J. Bell, discussed by Bro. Bell, Bro. Lunsford and was received and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Just before Jesus left the world to return to the Father, He said to His disciples "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This was His parting message, and it was His only plan to give the gospel to the whole world. And as He sent forth His apostles with the message of salvation, He commands us also to go forth and carry it to the lost everywhere.

We are told in the gospel of John, fourteenth chapter, that Jesus said, "If a man love me he will keep my words." Now those words in regard to carrying His gospel to all the world are just as important and just as binding as any that He spoke. Those who profess to love and follow Him cannot afford to neglect this great commission.

We are told in the book of Acts, first chapter, and eighth verse, that just before Jesus ascended from the Mount of Olives He said to His disciples. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This means that the disciples were to begin in their own city preaching the gospel to everyone there, and then go out into other districts and countries and carry the message of the gospel of Christ. And it is His will that we shall preach it and live it in our own communities, in our own county, in our State, in our nation, and in all the other nations of the world.

For convenience, missions is divided into State Home and Foreign, but is all one and the same. State missions means giving the gospel to those who do not have it in our state. Home missions means giving the gospel to the people in the homeland and encouraging worthy work among those who need help, just as the Home Mission Board has been giving the Robeson Indians some assistance in their work for the last several years. Foreign missions means carrying the gospel to all those nations of the world where Christ is not known.

All of this work is of the greatest importance, and we are to give as liberally as we can to support it in obedience to the Saviour's command.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BELL.

The Report on Christian Education was called for, read and discussed by Bro. Carter and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Will the Baptist faith and practice cover the earth? The answer to this question depends upon two things: Evangelization and Christian education. The great purpose of Christianity is the salvation of mankind, and the great purpose of Christian education is to hold and preserve all that has been gained by evangelization. If our churches are to grow and prosper, they must be strongly fortified by Christian character and life. These ideals can be reached and maintained only through Christian Education in the highest and noblest meaning of those words.

That many Baptist churches have failed in thier efforts to give the gospel to mankind, we are pained to have to admit; but they have failed, and why? The answer is *lack of Christian Education*.

Baptists teach that sinners are saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; this faith can come only through faithful and unstinted preaching of the Word of God. But suppose we lead men to salvation, and then just set them adrift without training; without vision of purpose; without any one to care for them; with nobody to train them; what will happen? Their Christian life and influence in the world will be, in the man, lost to Christ's church and Kingdom among men.

If our ministers and leaders are to be successful in the Master's work, their minds must be keen, alert and well stocked. They must be able to search their yesterdays so as to gather useful information. They must be able to discern the broad marks of Providence and to see the gracious dealings of the Lord in the affairs of men. They must study to show themselves approved unto God, searching the Scriptures, that they may be able to pierce the vestures of eternal things.

Hence, in view of all these things, we strongly urge loyalty and unstinted support to all our Baptist High Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries; but, most of all, we urge all the churches of the Burnt Swamp Association to organize and equip themselves for the very best that is possible in Christian training; in the work of the Sunday-school, the B. Y. P. U., the W. M. U. and all other kinds of training that are fostered by Baptists. We urge the establishment of the family altar in all our Baptist homes and special training for those who are to preach the Word, and for all who are to be leaders in our Lord's work in the world. We especially urge the ministers of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association to keep in close touch with our new missionary, the Rev. M. C. Lunsford, of Pembroke, and to ask his assistance in the securing of theoloigical correspondence from our Baptist Seminaries.

Finally, it is a sin for a man to continue at the petty and low labors of

life, which a thousand others can do as well or better than he, when he has the opportunity of training himself for more difficult and exacting work—work that carries responsibilities—that not one person in a thousand could ever learn to do.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. CARTER.

The Treasurer made his report as follows, which was received:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Had on hand -----	\$ 2.20
Received from Association -----	90.50
Total, -----	<u>\$ 92.70</u>
Paid to Clerk -----	\$ 25.00
Paid for Minutes -----	45.00
Paid for Insurance -----	20.50
Total, -----	<u>\$ 90.50</u>
Balance on hand -----	2.20
Amount on hand for Orphanage -----	\$513.00

L. W. JACOBS, Treasurer.

The Finance Committee made the following report and was discharged:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

	Minute	Orph.
Antioch -----	\$ 1.75	\$
Bear Swamp -----	6.10	2.00
Berea -----	5.45	
Bethel Hill -----	5.00	
First Baptist -----	3.00	7.00
Gray Pond -----	2.00	2.50
Hickory Grove -----	1.00	4.00
Mt. Airy -----	6.50	
Mt. Elim -----	5.00	
Mt. Moriah -----	3.75	

Mt. Olive -----	5.55	
Oak Grove -----	4.00	
Piney Grove -----	5.00	
Pleasant View -----	4.00	6.00
Reedy Branch -----	5.00	12.00
Smyrna -----	3.00	
Union -----	2.00	
Ten Mile Center -----	3.00	
Zion Hill -----	1.00	
Harpers Ferry -----	5.00	8.00
Total, -----	\$77.10	\$41.55

The Program Committee made the following report, and was discharged:

REPORT ON PROGRAM.

Meet Thursday 10 o'clock—Prayer and praise service conducted by Bro. Gore Carter.

11:00 A. M. Annual Sermon by Rev. L. A. Maynor.

12:00 Noon and luncheon.

1:00 P. M. Organization.

2:00 P. M. Report on Sunday School by G. W. Bell.

2:30 P. M. Report on Orphanage by L. W. Jacobs.

3:00 P. M. Report on Periodicals by C. E. Locklear.

Second Day.

Meet 9:30—Prayer and praise service by Bro. W. O. Hammons.

10:00 A. M. Report on Prayer Meetings by Bro. J. E. Hunt.

10:45 A. M. Report on Temperance by Bro. J. E. Hammons.

11:00 A. M. Report on Missions by the Missionary, M. C. Lunsford.

11:30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. J. J. Bell.

12:00 Noon and luncheon.

1:15 P. M. Report on Christian Education by K H. Jones.

1:30 P. M. General Business.

2:00 P. M. Closing Exercises.

We, your committee,

W. G. HUNT,

J. E. HAMMONS.

The Obituary Committee made the following report and was discharged:

OUR DEAD.

We, your committee report as follows:

Ten Mile Center—Robert Hardin, Mary Burnett.

Pleasant View—J. A. Santee, Pirrie Hunt.

Reedy Branch—Sabra Biggs, Henry Oxendine, Osker Hunt.

Mt. Airy—James Locklear, Sallie A. Oxendine, Quenester Locklear.

Zion Hill—None.

Berea—Gladys Hunt.

Piney Grove—Perlle Hunt, Sally Hunt, Marion Oxendine, Cathren Hunt,
Mary Hunt.

Antioch—Sariann Bell.

Bear Swamp—Harriette Jones.

First Baptist—None.

Harpers Ferry—Katie Chavis, Polly Rodgers, Annie J. Hardin.

Hickory Grove—None.

Mt. Elim—None.

Mt. Olive—Lizzie Lowry, Noveller Carter, A. F. Locklear, W. R. Locklear,
C. L. Locklear.

Oak Grove—None.

Mt. Moriah—None..

Gray Pond—None.

Bethel Hill—None.

Smyrna—Mary Ellen Carter, Laurian Pitman, J. W. Wilkins.

Union—None.

T. C. CUMMINGS,

D. D. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

A petition was offered by Rev. L. W. Jacobs for entrance into the State Baptist Convention, and the Association voted in favor of it and appointed the following delegates: Rev. C. E. Locklear, Rev. L. W. Jacobs, W. G. Revels, William R. Loccklear and A. N. Locklear.

The Report of the Mothers Aid Society, read by Rev. C. E. Locklear was accepted.

RESOLVED THAT THE BURNT SWAMP ASSOCIATION SHALL ESTABLISH AN ORPHAN AND MOTHER'S AID SOCIETY; FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING THE UNFORTUNATE CHILDREN IN THE BOUNDS OF SAID ASSOCTIAION.

ARTICLE I.

I. *Officers:*

- A. This Society shall be under the supervision of the Burnt Swamp Association.
- B. The Burnt Swamp Association shall appoint a Committee of seven, annually, four men and three women, who shall have the direct supervision of said society; and who shall serve without pay.
- C. The missionaries, employed by the Mission Board to further the religious work of the Burnt Swamp Association shall be ex-officio members of this committee. Vacancies occurring on the committee during the year shall be filled by the executive committee of the Burnt Swamp Association.

ARTICLE II.

I. *Eligibility:*

- A. All destitute Indian Orphan children in the bounds of the Burnt Swamp Association shall be eligible for help from this society.
- B. All destitute Indian Mothers in the bounds of the Burnt Swamp Association who are of good character, whose husbands are dead or permanently incapacitated, and who are not able to provide for their children shall be eligible for help from this society.

ARTICLE III.

I. *Duty of officers:*

- A. Association, as stated in article I.
- B. Committee of Seven.
 1. It shall be the duty of said committee to organize themselves and appoint a chairman, secretary and treasurer.
 2. All applications for help shall be made to the chairman of said committee.
 3. It shall be the duty of the chairman to call a meeting of the committee at some convenient place as often as is necessary for for the purpose of considering applications for help.
 4. It shall be the duty of said committee to investigate all applications for help and only those eligible as is stated in article II shall receive aid from this society.
 5. It shall be the duty of said committee to see that all children receiving aid from this society those of proper age, attend church and public school regularly.
 6. It shall be the duty of the said committee to help in eligible causes

according to financial ability of the society.

7. It shall be the duty of said committee to see that all orphan children who are left without anyone to care for them are placed in foster homes, or otherwise provided for accordingly to the financial ability of the society.
8. No meeting of said committee will be considered legal without at least five members being present.
9. It shall require a majority vote of all members to give or discontinue aid to any cause.
10. It shall be the duty of said committee to make a written report to each union and Association of the work done from the last union or Association.
11. It shall be the duty of said committee to publish a quarterly report, after each union in the county paper of the work done during the past quarter.
12. It shall be the duty of said committee to visit all children and mothers receiving aid at least once a quarter and require a written report once per month from every family receiving aid showing amount received and disposition made of it.
13. Decisions made by this committee shall be final, subject only to the approval of the Burnt Swamp Association.

ARTICLE IV.

A. *Qualification of Committee:*

1. Each committee that they are interested in the welfare of the unfortunate children in the bounds of the Burnt Swamp Association.
2. No one shall serve on this committee who is not of good report among the brethren.

ARTICLE V.

A. *Finance:*

1. Each church shall be asked to contribute to this cause liberally at each union and association.
2. All funds sent to the Union and Association for orphans and mothers aid shall be turned over into the treasury of the Orphan and Mothers Aid Society to be spent as the Supervised committee think best.
3. All checks must be written by the treasurer and signed by the chairman and secretary of said committee.
4. The treasurer of said Society shall give bond to the satisfaction of the Association.

ARTICLE VI.

- A. This resolution shall be in affect when adopted by the Burnt Swamp Association.

ARTICLE VII.

A. *Amendments:*

- I. This resolution may be changed at any annual meeting of the Burnt Swamp Association by a two-third vote of all delegates present.

Miss Mary Livermore appealed to the Association to accept this work for the help of humanity.

By motion, the committee be and is hereby appointed and known as "Mothers Aid Society Committee," namely Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Bro. W. D. Oxendine, Miss Margarite Jones, Mrs. S. A. Hammons, Mrs. C. E. Locklear, Bros. C. H. Hunt and A. N. Locklear.

Mrs. Lunsford made a very interesting talk on her W. M. S. work, stating that she had organized four societies.

By order, the above committee shall meet at an early date and organize for Local Mission work, and that Miss Mary Livermore shall be its regular sponsor. A collection for this purpose was called and \$25.00 raised. Other collections were taken to the amount of \$12.70.

By motion, it was ordered that we have 800 copies of Minutes printed.

By motion, we pay the Clerk \$25.00.

By motion, that Article Eleven of the Constitution be left out.

By motion, a vote of thanks was extended Bear Swamp and community for their care of the Association.

"Bless be the Tie," was sung and the Association was dismissed by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

W. D. OXENDINE, Moderator.
A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Cherokee Indians of Robeson County.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the various churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association. Who shall be members? Whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory council, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on a petition by letter and delegates, if, on examination they found orthodox, manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome to the delegates: Provided further, that no church shall be admitted without, a site to build on with a clear title, to be examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in this union shall be entitled to a representation of three members chosen from each church: Provided further, the preachers from the various churches of the Association shall have the same power as the delegates.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper, and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 10. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for a union of churches. (2) to present inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; (3) to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. (4) to inquire into the cause if the churches fail to represent

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

S. A. HAMMONDS, Moderator ----- Lumberton, N. C.

A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk ----- Pembroke, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES:

Geo. J. Chavis ----- R. 2, Red Springs, N. C.

Z. R. Chavis ----- Pembroke, N. C.

S. A. Hammons ----- Lumberton, N. C.

J. E. Hunt ----- Lumberton, N. C.

W. G. Hunt ----- St. Paul, N. C.

L. W. Jacobs ----- Pembroke, N. C.

R. B. Jacobs ----- R. 5, Lumberton, N. C.

C. E. Locklear ----- Pembroke, N. C.

D. D. Locklear ----- Lumberton, N. C.

P. P. Locklear ----- Lumberton, N. C.

L. A. Maynor ----- Buie, N. C.

W. J. Sampson ----- R. 6, Lumberton, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS:

J. J. Bell ----- Lumberton, N. C.

W. A. Bell ----- Lumberton, N. C.

Z. B. Brooks ----- Pembroke, N. C.

J. C. Clark ----- Fairmont, N. C.

T. H. Hammonds ----- R. 2, Lumberton, N. C.

J. W. Huggins ----- Raynham, N. C.

Jeremiah Jacobs ----- Pembroke, N. C.

B. F. Jones ----- Lumberton, N. C.

M. C. Lunsford—Missionary ----- Pembroke, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association was called together by the Moderator, W. D. Oxendine, reading part of Rom. 14th chapter.

Song service was conducted by Bro. T. C. Cummings, using the hymn, "Children of the Heavenly King." Prayer was made by Rev. C. E. Lockler.

The Association gave way for the rendering of the program of the B. Y. P. U. and the W. M. U., which was very efficiently conducted by Mrs. Lunsford and her helpers.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Burnt Swamp Association met with Reedy Branch Baptist Church, Oct. 30, 1930. The following program was rendered:

Devotional—Mrs. Levy Hunt; welcome address—Miss Letha Mae Jacobs; response—Mrs. D. J. Morgan; song—"Faith of Our Father."

Reports by presidents of the various societies.

Watch Word—The Country Church—Miss Maggie Johnson.

Music—Ten Mile Center society; prayer—Mrs. Frank Bell.

Enlistment and Personal Service—Miss Birdie Thomas; special music.

Stewardship—Miss Lottie Emanuel; music—Antioch society.

Our Young People—Miss Rose Locklear.

Standard of Excellence—Miss Margaret Jones.

Exercise—My Garden; offering.

Presentation of Banner.

Ten societies represented. Banner was presented to society with most delegates, and Berea church won.

Adjourned to meet with Berea Society Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1931.

MRS. M. C. LUNSFORD, Superintendent.

MISS MARGARET JONES, Secretary.

The Annual Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:30, by Rev. L. A. Maynor, from Ex. 4:2, "What is in thy hand?"

The Association then adjourned for one hour.

The Association assembled promptly at one o'clock for business. After devotional service, the annual election of officers was taken up.

By motion, Rev. S. A. Hammons was elected Moderator.

By motion, Bro. A. N. Locklear was elected Clerk.

By motion, Rev. L. W. Jacobs was elected Treasurer.

By motion, the same Executive Board was re-elected.

By motion, the church letters were called for and read. The delegates names were enrolled.

By motion, the church letters were read and received, except the petition lettes.

By motion, Rev. R. B. Jacobs, and Bro. G. W. Locklear were made Finance Committee.

The following named Brethren make up the list of delegates sent from the various churches to help do work in this Association:

ROLL OF DELEGATES

G. A. Carter	Warren Dial
W. D. Carter	Loyd Lowry
C. S. Smith	Henry Dunn
Matthew Jacobs	Martin Locklear
W. G. Locklear	Richard Chavis
A. B. Oxendine	W. H. Hammons
E. V. Hunt	Wilbert Jacobs
Donnie Revels	K. B. Hunt
B. J. Chavis	Gaston Carter
L. A. Brewington	Robert Carter
E. J. Emanuel	Jasper Chavis
S. V. Emanuel	Colon Hunt
H. A. Morgan	Van Hunt
Andrew Hunt	Gus Stedway
Thomas Cummings	Grady Canady
A. N. Locklear	Percell Revels
Willie Jacobs	James Bell
Berry Dial	H. Locklear
Richmond Locklear	Charley Hammons
Vester Oxendine	Braddy Oxendine
Luther Rogers	J. R. Stricklan
R. D. Locklear	J. F. Revels
T. C. Cummings	W. J. Jacobs
S. B. Locklear	L. N. Locklear
C. L. Oxendine	Norman Locklear
B. L. Locklear	Thomas Locklear
W. H. Calahan	Charley Hammons
Wm. Freeman	H. A. Locklear
Willie Lowry	Eli Oxendine
Emory Hunt	Erwin Hunt
J. R. Oxendine	Gaston Hunt

The Moderator appointed Bros. Albert Hammons, and J. O. Brooks Obituary Committee.

By motion, the location of the next Association was called for, and was located with Mt. Airy Church.

By motion, the program was left off till tomorrow.

The Moderator arose and declared the Association ready for business, and extended an invitation to visiting friends and newly constituted churches.

By motion, Cedar Grove Church be received in full fellowship and the right hand of welcome be extended her delegates.

Bro. S. M. Bell, Bro. J. R. Oxendine and Bro. Grady Canady were appointed a program committee.

By motion, the W. M. U. will hold its session at Berea Church, on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1931, at 10 o'clock.

The B. Y. P. U. will hold its Annual Session at Bethil Hill o Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1931, beginning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 9:45. The devotional service was conducted by Bro. Ozro Hammons, consisting of songs and prayer. The first prayer being made by Re v.W. G. Hunt and second prayer being offered by Bro. Gaston Carter.

The Moderator read part of the 14th chapter of St. John and prayer was made by Bro. T. C. Cummings.

The Moderator declared the body ready for work, and extended an invitation to visiting friends and newly constituted churches.

By motion, the roll was called and a majority found present. The Program was taken up and the topics read and discussed.

The Report on Orphanage by Rev. L. W. Jacobs was read and discussed by Rev. Jacobs, then received.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We are taught in the scripture that pure religion and undefiled before God is, "to visit the Widows and Orphans and to keep yourself unspotted from the world." in this statement made by this inspired man of God, which is a test of our religion doesn't mean just to go and see them in person and stop at that as many of us seem to think, but to go with our money and with our prayers.

I think this work of saving and training the lives of the unfortunate and the destitute is the greatest work that God trusted to man, because in saving and training these young lives we not only saves their lives, but lead them to the Saviour. A life is saved plus a soul. Jesus said, "suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." When we neglect them and fail to help them and to bring out the possibilities that are in them we forbid them to come to Him.

Carlyle has truthfully said, "not what I say but what I do is my kingdom." Let us as Christian men and women of this Association do more and say less in this great work.

Just one year ago God in His infinite love and mercy for the neglected ones of this Association planted a seed of thought in the heart of some one which if it is properly cultivated, will spring up and bring forth fruit for the Master's use. In this plan of orphanage work He has made it possible for every Christian to do something for Him. We should not do this just because it is a resolution adopted by this body, we should stand by it and do our best by it, because in doing so we are administering unto Him. "In as much as ye did it unto the least of these my little ones ye did it unto Me."

Let me urge every church in this Association to get behind this movement and push it to the front. May the Lord bless the effort to His glory.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. JACOBS.

The Report on Periodicals being called for was read by Rev. C. E. Locklear, and discussed by Bro. Locklear, then by motion was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

What would you think of a man who would send his untaught and innocent child into a drug store that contained all kinds of poisons, as well as the various medicines, and tell him to help himself? Would that man be any worse than he who cares not what kind of literature his child reads?

What is a periodical? It is a magazine or other publication appearing at stated or regular intervals. In all history there never has been so much printed matter as is diving from the presses of to-day. A large part of this stuff is worthless; much of it is obscene, vicious, dangerous, devilish. Fathers and mothers who care nothing as to what their children read are asleep. Their helpless children are treading a dangerous road—one infested with fiery serpents. The end is confusion, ruin and death.

Your committee takes pleasure in making the following recommenda-

tions: (1) That parents exclude from their homes all questionable literature, worthless novels, etc.; (2) that parents provide their children with good copies of the New Testament, and encourage them to read the Scriptures regularly and often; (3) that all our children be encouraged to attend Sunday school and the Baptist Young Peoples' Union; (4) that all our churches and Sunday schools use Baptist literature; (5) that all parents subscribe for at least one or two good Baptist periodicals, such as the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Home and Foreign Fields, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. LOCKLEAR, Chairman.

The report on prayer meeting was discussed by Rev. J. E. Hunt, who will prepare same and send to the Clerk.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING.

Every church could have a good weekly prayer meeting; yet very few churches attempt to have regular prayer meetings of any kind at all. We are sure that great spiritual loss comes to any and every church that neglects this important part of its worships.

The prayer meeting is the spiritual power-house of the church. It is here that hearts are warmed and made to rejoice in the Lord. Here God comes down to bless even two or three that gather in His name. Here is where the churches could have, and ought to have, one of their greatest opportunities for good. The regular prayer services was the great motive power of the churches in apostolic times.

We strongly urge all our churches to organize and maintain regular weekly prayer meetings.

J. E. HUNT, for Committee.

Rev. Huggins, who is a supporter of prayer meeting discussed the above topic with Rev. Hunt.

On account of the ill health of Rev J. J. Bell, the 11:30 sermon was omitted.

The Report on Temperance, by Rev. J. J. Bell, was read by Bro. T. H. Hammons and discussed by Bro. A. N. Locklear and Miss Mary Livermore, then by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance, moderation, sobriety, self-control—not so much to keep away from and being among the many evils that we may come in contact with, but being able to overcome and control those things and, to do that we must have a greater power than nature so as to overcome the great

evils of life. Among the many evils that exist among the human family today. Among those is that great evil, the abuse of the tongue. In the act and movement of life the man Solomon says, "Who hath woe, who hath sorrow." The answer is, "He that tarry long of the wine."

Temperance, when put into practice is one of the greatest lessons that a man can learn. When we have learned to be a temperate man or woman, then we have achieved our greatest task in life.

Yours submitted,

J. E. HAMMOND.

By motion, the Report on Christian Education by Bro. Jones, will be prepared by Bro. W. D. Oxendine and sent to the Clerk.

The Report on Sunday School was read by Bro. W. G. Locklear, discussed by Bro. Locklear and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School organization is second only to the home. In the Sunday School is where father, mother, sister and brother meet and enjoy God's Word. It is the place where we learn God's Word and get training in the work of building God's kingdom.

If there was a proclamation to do away with all the church organization except one; I would say, abolish all the other organizations, but, leave me the Sunday School. In this organization you get to meet more people than in any other. There are more people interested in Sunday School than in any of the church organizations.

The Sunday School is the medium through which we help each other in the rearing of our children. It is the channel through which most of the Christians have come to Christ. Without Sunday School, what would the church be?

Let's do our utmost to build our Sunday School stronger and maintain it. And long may it flourish until the world has been won for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LOCKLEAR.

By motion, Pleasant View Church made her report and her delegates names enrolled.

The Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at one o'clock. The Moderator read part of the 8th chapter of Romans, and after singing, prayer was made by Rev. J. C. Clark.

The Moderator extended an invitation to newly constituted Christian workers.

The Report on Missions was called for and was discussed by Rev. J. C. Lunsford, who will prepare same and send to the Clerk.

The Treasurer made the following report, and by motion, was received.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Had on hand at the last Association -----	\$513.00
Received from Association and Unions -----	\$306.63
Other donations -----	\$ 25.00
Total -----	\$844.63

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid to Clerk -----	\$ 25.00
Paid for Minutes -----	\$ 55.75
Paid for improvements on mission house -----	\$112.00
Paid for insurance -----	\$ 20.80
Orphanage -----	\$221.90
Total -----	\$438.45
Balance on hand -----	\$406.18
Interest -----	\$ 10.16
Total -----	\$416.34

L. W. JACOBS, Treasurer.

The Orphanage Board made the following report, which, by motion, was received.

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE BOARD.

We, the members of the Mothers Aid and Orphanage Board of the Burnt Swamp Association, beg to submit the following report:

We have paid out since December the 24th, 1929, \$221.40. This amount has been divided among five mothers and fourteen children.

We have passed on ten applications and accepted five as follows: Mrs. Mattie Smith and five children at \$3.00 per week. Mrs. Bessie Brooks and four children at \$2.00 per week. Mrs. R. J. Locklear and two children, Mrs. Jack Brooks and four children, and Mrs. J.A. Santee temporarily.

We have made 23 calls to the homes of those on which we are helping. All families have been very active in attending church and Sunday School.

We have also aided some of those in obtaining help from the county. Have had two children examined and tonsils removed which was also donated.

Other donations: Ten dollars worth of school books donated by the county, several garments of clothes given by Miss Frye and The Ladies Aid of Lumberton. Eats given: Seven bushels of corn. Amount \$38.70.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. OXENDINE, Chairman.

MARGURITE JONES, Secretary.

The Obituary Committee made the following report, and by motion, was received.

OUR DEAD

We, your Committee on Obituary, report as follows:

Harpers Ferry—Mr. M. C. Chavis, Deacon.

Reedy Branch—Mr. E. D. Lowry, Mrs. Sabre Carter.

Antioch—Mr. Alnie Chavis.

Ten Mile Center—None.

Piney Grove—Miss Roda Hunt, Mrs. Dellie Hunt, Miss Lillie Jane Hunt.

Mt. Olive—Mr. Hinson Revels, Mr. A. H. Revels, Mrs. Angenora Locklear.

Mt. Moriah—Mr Oliver Hunt, Miss Malaca Smith,

Mt. Elim—None.

Smyrna—Mrs. Elizabeth Fields.

Bear Swamp—Mrs. Sharley Tyler, Miss Hattie Bell Winn.

Cedar Grove—None.

Mt. Airy—Mrs. McKellie Chavis, Mr. King Locklear, Mr. R. J. Locklear.

Bethel Hill—Mrs. Mattie Hammonds,

First Baptist, Pembroke—None.

Berea—None.

Zion Hill—Mrs. Vicie Hammonds.

Union Missionary—Mrs. Susan Wearnes.

Hickory Grove—None.

Oak Grove—Mrs. Nancy Locklear, Mrs. Jinney Pate.

Pleasant View—Mrs. Lizzie Santee, Mrs. Missouri Hunt, Mrs. Lizzie Terry.

Bethany—No report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BROOKS,

A. E. HAMMONDS,

Committee.

By motion, the Program Committee made the following report which was received.

PROGRAM, 1931.

FIRST DAY.

- 10:00 a. m. Session called to order by the Moderator.
Devotional services by Bro. W. D. Oxendine.
- 10:15 a. m. Call for letters and delegates.—Organization.
- 11:00 a. m. Annual Sermon by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.
- 12:00 m. Luncheon.
- 1:00 p. m. Devotional services by John L. Carter.
- 1:15 p. m. Orphanage Report by Rev. C. E. Locklear.
- 2:00 p. m. Report on Sunday Schools and Colportage by Miss Rose Locklear.
- 2:30 p. m. Report on Religious literature. by Prof. Clifton Oxendine.
- 3:00 p. m. Adjourn.

NIGHT SESSION.

- 7:00 p. m. Missionary sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

SECOND DAY.

- 9:30 a. m. Devotional by Bro. Narm Chavis.
- 9:45 a. m. Report on Prayer Meetings by Bro. Ben Chavis.
- 10:00 a. m. Report on Relief of Aged Ministers by Rev. Lawrence Maynor.
- 10:15 a. m. Report on Stewardship and Pastoral Support by Bro. W. G. Revels.
- 10:45 p. m. Report on Missions:
 - (1) State Missions by Rev. M. C. Lunsford.
 - (2) Home Missions by Rev. C. E. Locklear.
 - (3) Foreign Missions by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.
- 11:45 p. m. Report on W. M. S. Work by Mrs. M. C. Lunsford.
- 12:00 m. Luncheon.
- 1:00 p. m. Devotional by Bro. Albert Hammonds.
- 1:15 p. m. Christian Education by S. M. Bell.
- 1:45 p. m. Report on Baptist Young Peoples' Union by Miss Lottie Emanuel.
- 2:00 p. m. Report on Temperance by Bro. T. H. Hammonds.
- 2:15 p. m. Business and adjournment.

By motion, the Finance Committee made the following report which was received.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance make the following report:

Received for Minutes from various churches:

Antioch -----	\$ 5.25
Bear Swamp -----	\$10.00
Barea -----	\$10.25
Bethel Hill -----	\$ 5.00
First Baptist, Pembroke -----	\$ 2.00
Harpers Ferry -----	\$ 5.00
Hickory Grove -----	\$ 1.60
Mt. Airy -----	\$ 6.05
Mt. Elim -----	\$ 4.00
Mt. Moriah -----	\$ 3.00
Mt. Olive -----	\$10.25
Oak Grove -----	\$ 3.00
Piney Grove -----	\$ 5.00
Reedy Branch -----	\$ 3.15
Smyrna -----	\$ 5.00
Ten Mile Center -----	\$ 3.00
Union -----	\$ 2.00
Zion Hill -----	\$ 2.00
Cedar Grove -----	\$ 1.20
Pleasant View -----	\$ 2.00
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Total -----	\$88.55

G. W. LOCKLEAR.

R. B. JACOBS.

By motion, the following Resolution in honor of Bro. W. D. Oxendine former Moderator of this Association be and the same is hereby received and will appear in print.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we, the Ministers and Delegates of the Burnt Swamp Association, express our sincere thanks to Bro. W. D. Oxendine for the excellent services he has rendered our Association during the years of his incumbency.

An offering was taken for Rev. Z. B. Brooks, amounting to \$6.58. An offering for Rev. R. B. Jacobs, \$2.15.

By motion, that a vote of thanks be extended Reedy Branch, for their hospitality to this Association.

The Orphanage Board will meet at Berea Church for Organization on Saturday before the third Sunday in November, 1930.

By motion, That we have 600 copies of the Minutes printed.

The next Session of this Association will be held with Mt. Airy Church, Thursday and Friday, October 29th and 30th, 1931.

REV. S. A. HAMMONS, Moderator.

A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that we, the orphanage home workers of Smyrna Church is in love with you all and to show that, we have collected \$2.50 for the purpose of helping the Orphan Children. May God bless us and help us, the Orphanage Workers, to prosper with our work.

BESSIE OXENDINE, President.

LIZZIE HAMMONS, Collector.

MAMIE FIELDS, Treasurer.

DELPHIA HAMMONS, Sec'yary.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

What the heart is to the body, missions to the church. If the heart stops, we die. Likewise when a church ceases to be missionary, that church begins to die.

We regret to have to report that many churches in the world are dying, and others are already dead. Their spiritual heart has stopped; they are puny, listless, inefficient, almost worthless. What is wrong with churches thus afflicted?

There may be many guesses at what might be wrong with churches thus afflicted, but the true answer is LACK OF MISSIONARY ZEAL. Give all our churches a zeal-out and true spirit of Missions, and the whole creation of mankind can be brought to Christ in the present generation.

Your committee recommends: (1) That each and every member of all our churches pray that God will create in them and in all other christians a mighty fervor for world-wide missions; (2) That every member of every church lay aside each week a worthy gift for the spread of the gospel in the world.

M. C. LUNSFORD,

For Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Cherokee Indians of Robeson Sounty.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the various churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association. Who shall be members? Whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory council, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on a petition by letter and delegates, if, on examination they be found orthodox, manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome to the delegates: Provided further, that no church shall be admitted without a site to build on with a clear title, to be examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in this union shall be entitled to a representation of three members chosen from each church: Provided further, the preachers from the various churches of the Association shall have the same power as the delegates.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it..

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper, and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, at such place as may be chosen,

Art. 10. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for a union of churches; (2) to present inviably a chain of communication among the churches; (3) to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) to inquire into the cause if the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) to appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose deemed proper; to appoint any member, by and with their consent, to transact any business as they see proper; (7) to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion; (8) to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. This form of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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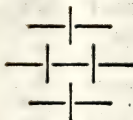
BURNT SWAMP MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

held with the

MT. AIRY CHURCH

October 29, 30, 1931



The next session of the Association will meet with the
Mt. Moriah Church, Thursday October 30, 31, 1932.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY.

The Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association met with Mt. Airy Church, October 29, 1931, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in its Fifty-Third Annual Session.

The devotional services were conducted by Bro. W. D. Oxendine, reading 6th chapter of Gal., and prayer was made by Bro. Oxendine.

The Moderator introduced Dr. Maddrey of the State Baptist Convention, who delivered an able and interesting address on the Growth of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Every-Member Canvass.

The work of the Association was taken up.

By motion, the letters from the various churches were called for and read in the presence of the body.

The Moderator appointed Bros. J. O. Brooks and G. W. Locklear Finance Committee for the Association.

By motion, the Roll of Delegates was called and a majority found present.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

J. J. Chavis

Carson Bell

Will Carter

W. N. Jacobs

Wm. Jacobs

Mrs. Morilla Locklear

Bennie Chavis

Donnie Revels

Lacy W. Maynor

E. J. Emanuel

S. V. Emanuel

Dannie Lowry

Neill Morgan

H. A. Locklear

Carl Clark

W. H. Godwin

Thos. Cummings

H. A. Morgan

Willie Jacobs

A. N. Locklear

Emery Hunt

S. M. Bell

A. J. Jacobs

Bunion Locklear

D. A. Locklear

Richard Chavis

Martha Locklear

W. O. Hammons

James E. Hunt

D. L. Lowry

J. O. Brooks

S. P. Hunt

Neill Jacobs

Van Hunt

James A. Fields

W. F. Revels

Kinnie Smith

James Bell

Miss Sella Bell

J. A. Lowry

PROCEEDINGS

(DELEGATES CONTINUED.)

Thos. H. Oxendine

W. A. Oxendine

R. T. Cummings

J. L. Carter

D. J. Tyler

B. L. Locklear

W. L. Tyler

Troy Thomas

Alex Hammonds

J. R. Strickland

J. F. Revels

L. N. Locklear

J. H. Locklear

Troy Davis

W. C. Chavis

Ramon Locklear

J. D. Chavis

The Annual Election of Officers was taken up and resulted as follows:—Rev. S. A. Mammons, was elected Moderator.

By motion, Bro. A. N. Locklear was appointed Clerk.

By motion, Rev. L. W. Jacobs was appointed Treasurer.

By motion, the Executive Board be continued with addition of Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

By motion, the Orphanage Board was continued.

The Moderator appointed Bros. W. G. Revels, T. H. Oxendine and G. W. Locklear Program Committee.

The Moderator appointed Rev. L. A. Maynor, Bro. W. D. Oxendine as Obituary Committee.

The Moderator at this time arose and extended an invitation to Newly Constituted Churches and visiting friends.

The Burnt Swamp and Deep Branch churches presented petitions for membership in the Association. The same was accepted and the right hand of fellowship was extended to their delegates by the Moderator.

By motion, the Association called off 'till one o'clock.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY.

The Association assembled at 1:30 o'clock. The devotions were conducted by Bro. John L. Carter. Prayer was offered by Bro. W. J. Jacobs.

The Moderator called a collection for Rev. J. C. Clark, one of our aged Ministers and received \$9.15.

The Moderator arose and declared the Association ready for business and extended an invitation to Newly Constituted Churches and visiting friends.

By motion, the Program was taken up.

The Report on Orphanage was discussed by Rev. C. E. Locklear, and adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT—(Not found.)

The Mt. Olive church letter was read and received.

The Report on Sunday School was called for and the same was read by Miss Rose Locklear and discussed by Miss Locklear and by motion, was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

1. SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Your committee finds Sunday School work throughout our Association in fairly good shape. Most all are in a flourishing condition. Our greatest need, apparently, is trained officers and teachers. We recommend more classes in the Sunday School Manual. Where that is not possible, then our officers and teachers should, by all means, study the Manual.

Our Association has taken a forward step in establishing the annual Sunday School Convention. We earnestly hope our schools will be well represented at our next associational Sunday School Convention.

We recommend that our Sunday Schools take a religious census once each year. This places before each class its possibilities and is very helpful in increasing attendance.

Our Sunday Schools should at all times strive to become standard. To attain this it is necessary to work to that end all the time. Quite a few schools could, with little effort, become standard.

We further recommend that our pastors take more interest in Sunday School work. They should fully co-operate with superintendents and teachers in building up and bettering the Sunday School.

Our Sunday Schools should more fully co-operate with our Sunday School Board. Much help can be secured from it.

Make the Sunday School hour interesting. Never allow your program to be dull. Do not follow same order of business Sunday after Sunday until it becomes tiresome to your people. Vary your programs. Study your work. The Apostle told Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2. COLPORTAGE. We define colportage as the distributing of religious tracts or books. We also state that three elements enter the obedience of the Great Command: (1) Inspiration, or the creating of desire; (2) Knowledge of world needs, which begin at home; (3) Resultant action.

Inspiration comes to the redeemed, and is measured by the power of the Holy Spirit in the life. Knowledge of needs comes to us largely by reading; and only through our own Baptist publications may we become a vital part of this program of our denomination.

Besides the pleasure and benefit to young and old that comes to us through our state organ. The Biblical Recorder, we cannot intelligently

co-operate in our State work without it. It should be read in every Baptist home in this Association.

Again, if we are to follow our representatives into every land and uphold them by our prayers and means, The Home and Foreign Fields must be in our homes.

For helping our women along every line of service, Royal Service comes to us each month, and World Comrades is published for the children.

Much of our indifference toward the work of the Kingdom would be changed to deep interest by the reading of these periodicals. We can hardly over-estimate their value in the efficiency of our Kingdom work. Certainly all should have them in the home. The cost is small. Let us lend our influence toward colportage.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSA LOCKLEAR.

The Report on Religious Literature, was called for, and the same was read by Prof. Clifton Oxendine and discussed by him and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

There never has been a time when the reading of religious literature was more needed than at present. We cannot emphasize this need too much. We are living in an age when there is a vast amount of printed matter coming from the press that is absolutely worthless and very dangerous to the morals of our boys and girls. The reading of some of the debasing and unwholesome literature of today is sure to contaminate the minds of our people.

The kind of literature that our young folks should read is too big and important a question to be left to them alone. There is too much at stake. Fathers and mothers cannot afford to remain indifferent to this question. We all agree that mankind is largely influenced by the books and papers he reads and studies. No person can partake of the spiritual food of good Religious literature without growing larger and better in every relation of life that directly affects the Kingdom of Christ.

Books and magazines which we use for classroom work get old and are superseded by new ones, but the Bible after 2000 years is still the most read book. It is the source of all Religious literature. Its message of love and cheer is ever new and has moved men and women of all times to lead noble and worthy lives, and to work with an uncompromising courage and conviction for the noble principles of Christianity.

I would suggest that we as orthodox Baptist bring more Religious literature, such as the Christian Herald, Religious Herald, and the Biblical Recorder into our homes. The reading of such magazines is sure to develop Christian virtues in our boys and girls, and point them to the best

means of kindling a spirit of praise and ceaseless communion with God.

In conclusion, I would say that we should read Religious literature such as is found in the Biblical Recorder because it gives information every Baptist should know about the organized work of his denomination. Further, I would recommend that some Religious periodicals be counted in as part of the legitimate expense of the church.

The main reasons why we should read a good denominational paper such as the Biblical Recorder are:

1. For the information in its pages and the inspiration of its messages.
2. Because it provides suitable reading for the home circle.
3. Because it counteracts the flood of evil literature.
4. Because the Biblical Recorder indoctrinates.
5. Because, by placing our Baptist paper in the homes along with the Bible, we give Christ the first place in reading.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON OXENDINE.

At this time Rev. Mr. Mason, Field worker for the Biblical Recorder made an interesting address. Rev. Mr. Miller, of Raeford also gave an interesting address.

By motion, the Association adjourned 'till tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

"Bless Be the Tie that Binds," was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

The Association assembled at 9:45 o'clock. The devotional service was conducted by Bro. Clarence Oxendine. Prayers were offered by Mrs. M. C. Lunsford and Bro. S. M. Bell.

The Moderator declared the Association open and ready for work, and extended an invitation to Newly Constituted Churches and visiting friends.

By motion, the program was taken up.

The Topic on Prayer Meeting was called for and discussed by Rev. W. G. Hunt, Rev. C. E. Locklear and the Moderator, and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING (Not found.)

The Report on "Relief of Aged Ministers," was read by Rev. L. A. Maynor and discussed by Bro. Maynor, and the Clerk, and by motion, was received.

REPORT ON RELIEF OF AGED MINISTERS AND ANNUITY.

A few years ago the Southern Baptist Convention organized the Relief and Annuity Board.

The purpose of this Board is to render aid to Aged Ministers and their widows. The headquarters of this board is at Dallas Texas.

Dr. William Lunsford was the first Secretary. The present Secretary is Thomas J. Watts. This board has already done a wonderful work, by giving aid to many aged ministers.

The Every-Member Canvass that is to be put on this fall in all our churches should be pushed to the limit, for a reasonable part of every dollar given goes to help Aged Ministers.

We have a few Aged Ministers in the Burnt Swamp Association. Efforts have already been made to get aid for them.

Therefore, let all our churches talk and pray for this great work. Let us also pledge every dollar possible in the coming Every-Member Canvass, that the Aged Ministers throughout this south land of ours, even the Burnt Swamp Association may receive an adequate support in the sunset days of their life.

Let us hear the plea of David, "Cast me not off in the time of old age forsake me not when my strength faileth."—Psalms 71:9.

Also hear the words of Paul, the Apostle, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."—1st Cor. 9:14.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MAYNOR.

The Topic on "Stewardship and Pastoral Support," was read by Bro. W. G. Revels and discussed By Bro. Revels, and Rev. M. C. Lunsford and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON THE STEWARDSHIP AND PASTORAL SUPPORT.

There can be a competent local church only when the individuals composing it yield themselves and their all to a proper recognition and acknowledgement that God is the owner and they are but stewards.

We are Stewards of our time and every member has twenty four hours every day. The question is will each be a good steward of his time and give God enough of it to make the church to which he belongs able to do its work properly. Many a good church cause has been hindered because its members lacked the time. As Christians and church members we owe God first a share of our time.

Each and every one of our church members have been blessed with one or more talents. We should be good stewards then. Not only should

we put our talents to exchange in our every day affairs and professions, but we should remember that the church and Christ's cause suffer when we fail to use spiritual talents. The church then must use a share of the talents possessed by every member if it is to be a competent institution.

Personality is a very valuable asset in life. The preacher wins by the proper use of it, the salesman the business man actor or actress are made by good personality. The average church member contains personality in good quantity and quality, and does not use it. No church can be at its best unless every member is a good steward of his personality and gives God the best he has.

Possession or money are either valuable assets or else they are dangerous liabilities. Failure to be good stewards of our money is a very common sin, and causes a tremendous loss of power in all of our churches. We have too many modern Ananias, who are occupiers of the front seats, and yell "Amen." They are thieves because they have robbed God of their tithes and offering. Such church thieves and robbers help to destroy the good work of any church. By this example others do likewise. A giving church member is a living church member, and a non giving church member is a dead church member.

The steward who is true to his stewardships of time, talent, personality, and money, is like a light set upon a hill. Others see his stewardship and are led to follow his example with full time Pastors (even so has the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel shall live of the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14) and modern conveniences, and well equipped buildings. Then the church will begin to progress through its different organizations.

The competent church is a group of Gods stewards who have learned the lesson of their Lord "Such as I have give I unto Tree" will then be the faithful testimony of each life.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. REVELS.

The Report on State Missions was read and discussed by Rev. M. C. Lunsford and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions corresponds to that part of the great commission which says: "Ye shall be my witness both in Jerusalem and in all Judea."

In our own great State of North Carolina it means the giving of the gospel in those sections where the "harvest is great and the laborers are few."

A list of the Missionaries who operate under State Mission Board and a list of the fields covered, would be too long to be noted here.

But our Board is doing its best to give the Gospel to those industrial sections where hundreds and thousands toil in the mills and sweat-shops of

the industries.

The Indians are also helped through our State Mission work. The Burnt Swamp Association, we believe, is the only Association in the State that has Missionaries who operate throughout the whole Association.

Some people might think that missionary work is no longer needed in our State. But let us remember that conditions constantly change; the field that is not in need of missionaries today may be greatly in need tomorrow.

It therefore follows that we should never neglect a full, vital and loyal support to the great work of State Missions.

But how can we give unstinted support to State Missions? (1) We can have faith in it; (2) We can pray for it; (3) we can contribute money to its support. If we make State Missions all that it ought to be, its power will be reflected into all parts of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. LUNS福德,

For Committee.

The Report on Foreign Missions was discussed by Rev. L. W. Jacobs and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.—(Not found.)

The Report on W. M. S. work, was read and discussed by Mrs. M. C. Lunsford, and by motion, was adopted. (With \$2.00 for Minutes.)

REPORT ON W. M. S. WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union—Auxiliary to the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association—makes the following report:

The apportionment for the year 1931 was \$160.00 We have paid to the Co-operative Program \$99.85 during the last nine months, leaving a deficit of \$20.15. We have enrolled about 250 women in the W. M. U. We have eight Sunbeam bands, two G. A.'s and one Y. W. A. Thirteen societies answered to the roll-call at the annual meeting at Berea Baptist Church. We had seventy-five W. M. U. delegates in attendance, and 56 Sunbeams. I rejoice to say that our women are deeply concerned about the work of our Master. Our work continues to show a growing interest, with much promise for the future. We are laying special emphasis on the Young People's Work. We elected a Young People's leader at our annual meeting—Mrs. J. C. Revels, Lumberton, Route 1.

I have made personal visits throughout the entire Association, traveling a total of about thirty-five hundred miles. I have attended about 200 meetings. Our program at our annual meeting was very inspiring, and

was rendered in a way that brings credit to each one participating. The young peoples' demonstrations were very fine indeed. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. C. LUNS福德, Superintendent.

MRS. LOTTIE MAE CHAVIS, Secretary.

By motion, the Association adjourned for noon.

AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY.

The Association assembled at 1:25, P. M.

The Moderator read part of 12th chapter of Rom. and after singing prayer was offered by Bro. N. A. Lowry.

The Moderator called a collection for Rev. Z. B. Brooks, aged Minister amounting to \$7.00.

The Moderator declared the Association open and ready for business and extended an invitation to Newly Constituted Churches and visiting friends.

By motion, the proceedings of yesterday and this morning were read and received.

The subject of Home Missions was read and discussed by Rev. C. E. Locklear, and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSION—(Not found.)

By motion, That the Clerk prepare the Report on Christian Education.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The great aim of Christian Education is to help take care of the number that has been gained by Evangelism. Feed the flock we are told in the Sacred Word. Help with all our hearts and muscles to feed, clothe, and nourish with the word. Be all things to all men that by so doing we may be able to save some.

We as Baptists admit that we have failed to do our duty in this part of the field, and we see it. We realize our short comings in this respect. There is much room for Co-operative work. Christian Educational training is one of the means of salvation through organized service.

Let every Christian help do the work. Don't wait for the other fellow.

Respectfully submitted,

THE CLERK.

The Report on B. Y. P. U. work was discussed by Miss Lottie Emanuel, and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLES' UNION.

What is a B. Y. P. U? The B. Y. P. U. is distinctively a denominational agency. The name indicates this. The B. Y. P. U. is the agency or organization in and through which Baptist churches educate and train their young members in the privileges, responsibilities and duties of church membership.

Baptists can't delegate to non-denominational agencies the task of educating and training their young people, and, in return, expect to receive intelligent, staunch, loyal Baptist church members. Our Baptist leaders realized this and founded the B. Y. P. U. for the express purpose of giving our young Baptist church members a thorough, distinctive denominational education and training. Certainly the experience gained in the B. Y. P. U. should result in producing a finer, and better type of Christians. The B. Y. P. U. also seeks to put the young people in the way and at the task of unselfish service to others. It affords the opportunities to give expression to the Christ desire to do good, which desire was implanted within their hearts by the Holy Spirit when Christ was formed in them "the hope of glory."

The B. Y. P. U. seeks to nurture and cultivate in the young people the Christ-life, helping them "Manifest the excellencies of Christ" in holy living and helpful deeds.

1 Peter 2:9—"But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a people for God's own possession; that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." The B. Y. P. U. seeks to impress upon our Baptist young people the true meaning of their high privileges as church members, magnifying the church of Christ as a divine agency through which and by which people are to be won to God through Christ. In the B. Y. P. U. the young people study how to work together as church members, practicing doing those things which will culminate in their becoming intelligent and efficient members of their churches.

The B. Y. P. U. is not for "everybody," neither does it propose to do "everything." The B. Y. P. U. has a distinctive constituency,—Christians, young soldiers in the Lord's army. It also has a distinctive work to perform—A definite Aim—to train these young soldiers to become valiant soldiers of Christ who is the Captain of their Salvation. Therefore, the B. Y. P. U. is not a field of battle, but a training camp.

The B. Y. P. U. a church organization. This means that the B. Y. P. U. is fostered and supported by the church. The church assumes entire responsibility for the training of its young members, it should furnish the B. Y. P. U. the materials and supplies needed to carry on the work more

effectively. The pastor is the under-shepherd ministering to the spiritual needs of the young members of the church, guarding them from temptation and warning them against all kinds of danger and pitfalls. The pastor is also the "overseer" of the young people, planning their development and usefulness and keeping them busy at worthwhile tasks. The superintendent of the Sunday School should link up with the pastor and aid him in planning for the training of the young church members. He should help find a B. Y. P. U. director wherever one is needed.

THE DEACONS—Deacons in Baptist churches occupy enviable positions. "For they that have served well as deacons gain themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 3:13. In no place can the deacons serve better than in helping young members in the churches, their younger brothers and sisters in Christ, in preparing themselves to become useful, valient servants of Christ.

The deacons should jealously guard the young people. They should sympathetically encourage them to be true to Christ, "witnessing the good confession." They should co-operate substantially with the young people, leading the church to provide all necessary funds for carrying on the work of the B. Y. P. U. in the most approved manner.

Let me urge every church in the Association to help their young members more in the B. Y. P. U. work. May the Lord bless the B. Y. P. U. work to His glory.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) LOTTIE MAE EMANUEL CHAVIS.

The Topic on Temperance was read and discussed by Bro. T. H. Hammons, and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance, moderating, to be temperance, is self-control. Not to keep away from a wrong, the great ends that we come in contact with in life, but being able to master them. Then to be able to do this, we must have and be in possession of a greater power than of nature. After one becomes a Chistian there is a constant warfare ta the end of life. The flesh does not die because one becomes a Christian. The Spirit takes possession of the life, but the old fleshy desire is there and the warfare still on in a great way. When the Spirit regulates one it means that lust no longer is master of life. The Spirit masters the tendency to evil. The struggle will be between the thristy lust and the Spirit, and if the person submits to the guidance of the Spirit it will do the fighting for him and he will observe temperance. Temperance, when put in practice is one of the great lessons we can achieve.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. HAMMONS,

Committee.

By motion, the Location of the next Association was taken up and by a vote was given to Mt. Moriah Church.

By motion, the Finance Committee made the following report, and by motion, it was received.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Antioch -----	\$ 5.00
Bear Swamp -----	10.00
Berea -----	10.00
Bethel Hill -----	5.00
Cedar Grove -----	3.00
First Baptist -----	3.25
Harpers Ferry -----	5.00
Hickory Grove -----	
Mt. Airy -----	6.50
Mt. Elim -----	3.00
Mt. Moriah -----	3.75
Mt. Olive -----	5.00
Oak Grove -----	2.00
Piney Grove -----	1.50
Reedy Branch -----	3.51
Smyrna -----	1.60
Ten Mile Center -----	3.00
Union -----	2.50
Zion Hill -----	1.50
Grey Pond -----	2.50
Deep Branch -----	1.00
Burnt Swamp -----	1.35
Currency -----	\$ 45.00
Check -----	10.00
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Check -----	5.00
Check -----	1.00
Cash -----	12.65
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	\$77.25
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	\$79.66
W. M. S. for Minutes -----	2.00
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Total -----	\$81.96

J. O. BROOKS,
S. M. BELL,

By motion, the Program committee made the following report, and by motion, was received.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE—(Not found.)

By motion, the Committee on Obituary made the following report, and by motion, was received.

OUR DEAD.

REEDY BRANCH—	ANTIOCH—
Mrs. Virginice Chavis	Condary Hardin
Mrs. Malinda Hunt	MT. AIRY—
Mrs. Rachel Hunt	Mrs. Annie Hagans
PINEY GROVE—None.	Mrs. Frances E. Oxendine
OAK GROVE—None.	HARPERS FERRY—
MT. MORIAH—	Mrs. Anaret Jacobs
Mr. Joseph Locklear	Mr. Peter Dial
BEAR SWAMP—None.	BURNT SWAMP—
BEREA—	Mr. Aldren Locklear
Mrs. Charity Oxendine	ZION HILL—None.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Pembroke	TEN MILE CENTER—
Mrs. Malissa Chavis	Mr. J. R. Thomas
BETHEL—None.	SMYRNA—None.
UNION—None.	GRAY POND—None.
CEDAR GROVE—None.	DEEP BRANCH—None.
MT. ELIM—None.	

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MAYNOR,
W. D. OXENDINE,
Committee.

By motion, the Treasurer made the following report, and by motion, was received.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Had on hand -----	\$416.34
Received from Unions S. S. and Association -----	267.16
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	\$683.50
<i>Disbursements:</i>	
Paid for Orphanage -----	\$242.00
Minutes -----	54.75
Clerk -----	25.00
Insurance -----	21.80
Co-operative Program -----	42.00
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	\$385.55
Balance on hand -----	\$297.95

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. JACOBS,

Treasurer.

By motion, Bros. S. M. Bell, W. D. Oxendine and W. J. Jacobs were appointed a committee to select a delegation of three to go to the State Convention to be held in Winston-Salem.

By motion, That a vote of Thanks be extended Mt. Airy church and community for their hospitality and kindness extended this Association during its session.

By motion, That we have 600 copies of the proceedings printed.

By motion, That we pay the Clerk \$25.00 for his services.

By motion, The Program Committee made the following report, which was received.

BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROGRAM 1932

FIRST DAY

- 10:00 a. m. Session called to order by the moderator, Rev. S. A. Hammonds.
 Devotional service by Rev. W. G. Hunt.
 10:15 a. m. Call for letters and delegates—Organization.
 11:00 a. m. Annual sermon by Rev. C. E. Locklear.
 12:00 Luncheon.
 1:00 p. m. Devotional service by John Bunyan Locklear.
 1:15 p. m. Orphanage report by Mrs. S. A. Hammonds.
 2:00 p. m. Report on Sunday School and Religious Census by Mr. Lacy Maynor.
 2:30 p. m. Report on Religious Literature by Mr. John L. Carter.
 3:00 p. m. Adjourn.

NIGHT SESSION.

- 7:00 p. m. Missionary sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

SECOND DAY.

- 9:00 a. m. Devotional service by Mr. J. L. Hall.
 9:45 a. m. Report on Prayer Meeting by Mr. George W. Locklear.
 10:00 a. m. Report on Relief of Aged Ministers by Rev. W. G. Hunt.
 10:15 a. m. Report on Stewardship and Every Member Canvass by Mr. A. N. Locklear.
 10:45 a. m. Report on Missions—
 1. State Missions by Mr. C. E. Locklear.
 2. Home Missions by Rev. D. D. Locklear.
 3. Foreign Missions by Mr. A. N. Locklear.
 11:45 p. m. Report on W. M. S. work by Mrs. M. C. Lunsford.
 Report on Young People's Work by Mrs. J. C. Revels.
 12:00 Luncheon.
 1:00 p. m. Devotional by Mr. S. M. Bell.
 1:15 p. m. Christian Education by Mr. E. B. Sampson.
 1:45 p. m. Report on B. Y. P. U. work by Mr. W. G. Revels.
 2:00 p. m. Report on Temperance by Mr. W. D. Oxendine.
 2:15 p. m. Business session.
 Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. REVELS,
 THOMAS OXENDINE,
 GEO. W. LOCKLEAR.

By motion, The Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Moriah Church, on Thursday October 30—31, 1932.

REV. S. A. HAMMONS, Moderator.
 A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk.

TABLE I: Church Membership, Etc., Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.	Is it in a Village, Town or Country?	When Constituted?	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Gains		Losses					Days of Meeting.	Members Reported Last Year.	Baptisms.	Letters.	Statements.	Restorations.	Exclusions.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Total Present Members.	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year.	Observance of Lord's Supper During Year.	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper.
				Letters.	Baptisms.																			
Antioch	C	1901	G. A. Carter, St. Pauls	119	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	119	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	119	1	1	3	1
Bear Swamp	C	1880	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	128	4	1	1	1	1	2	2	113	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	1	1	4	1
Berea	C	1925	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	50								48								48		1	4	3
Bethany	C	1919	W. G. Hunt, St. Pauls	119	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	130	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	130	1	1	3	
Bethel Hill	C	1930	C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	12	44	3	3	1	1	1	1	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	1	1	2	
Burnt Swamp	C		J. E. Hunt, Lumberton	45	1	1	1	1	1			45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	1	1	4	
Cedar Grove	C		C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	18								18												
Deep Branch	C		D. D. Locklear, Lumberton	76	7	4	4	4	4	3	2	87	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	87	1	2	4	
First Baptist	C		C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	150	2	1	7	7	3	3	1	154	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	154	1	1	4	
Gray Pond	C		L. A. Maynor, Buie	75	14		3	3	6	6	1	84								84				
Harpers Ferry	C		P. P. Locklear, Lumberton	149	13				9	9	1	151								151				
Hickory Grove	C		L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	96	4	2						102								102				
Mt. Airy	C		J. E. Hunt, Lumberton	102	3		3	3	4	4		104								104				
Mt. Elim	C		Z. R. Chavis, Pembroke	24																				
Mt. Moriah	C		C. E. Locklear, Lumberton	13					7	7		312								312				
Mt. Olive	C		W. G. Hunt, St. Pauls	64	24		6	1	6	6	1	88	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	88	1	1	2	
Oak Grove	C		L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	37	2		2	2	1	1	1	37	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	37	1	1	3	
Piney Grove	C		L. A. Maynor, Buie	21	1		1	1	1	1	1	21	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	21	1	1	4	
Pleasant View	C		L. A. Maynor, Buie	39	5		2	7	2	2	4	49								49				
Reedy Branch	C			4																				
Smryna	C																							
Ten Mile Center	C																							
Union	C																							
Zion Hill	C																							

TABLE IV. Gifts for Local Church Work, Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

CHURCHES														
REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES														
Pastor's Salary.														
Other Salaries.														
Ministerial Help and supply.														
Building and Repairs.														
Incidentals.														
Literature for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.														
Help Given to Local Poor.														
For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association.														
Other Objects.														
Total for Local Church Work Given by W. M. U.														
Total for Local Church Given by Sunday School.														
Total for Local Church and all its Organizations.														
1	Antioch	Will Carter, St. Pauls	\$90 00									\$ 7 25	\$22 75	\$ 155 00
2	Bear Swamp	Peter Oxendine, Pembroke	44 96											63 30
3	Berea	W. G. Revels, Pembroke	50 00										16 66	227 18
4	Bethany													
5	Bethel Hill	E. J. Emanuel, Lumberton	53 10											
6	Burnt Swamp	W. H. Lockler, Lumberton	50 00											
7	Cedar Grove	Carl Clark, Lumberton	84 00											
8	Deep Branch													
9	First Baptist	W. H. Godwin, Pembroke	61 00											
10	Gray Pond													
11	Harpers Ferry	Willie Jacobs, Red Springs	55 00	6 35										
12	Hickory Grove													
13	Mt. Airy	Geo. Locklear, Buie	25 00											
14	Mt. Elim	C. L. Oxendine, Red Springs	36 00											
15	Mt. Moriah		46 25											
16	Mt. Olive													
17	Oak Grove	Martin Locklear, McColi, S. C.	61 00											
18	Piney Grove	K. B. Hunt, Fairmont	46 15											
19	Pleasant View													
20	Reedy Branch													
21	Smyrna	Doc. Carter, Allenton	168 01	20 70										
22	Ten Mile Center	W. W. Blanks, Lumberton	50 91											
23	Union	J. R. Strickland, Lumberton	35 00											
24	Zion Hill	Norman Locklear, Rennett	19 64											
			21 64											

**TABLE V. Gifts for Missions, Education and All Benevolences
Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.**

CHURCHES		Co-operative Program.	Special to State Missions.	Special to Orphanage.	Total for Co-operative Program and All Specials.	Given by W. M. U.	Total to All Missions, Education, and Benevolences by the Church and All Its Organizations.	Grand Total All Gifts for All Purposes by Churches and All Departments.
1	Antioch	\$ 7 58		\$12 00	\$ 7 58	\$ 7 58	\$ 19 58	\$ 174 58
2	Bear Swamp	50			50	50	50	63 80
3	Berea	15 00		59 16	15 00	15 00	15 00	242 18
4	Bethany							
5	Bethel Hill	13 25		21 57	13 25	13 25	13 25	95 78
6	Burnt Swamp	5 00				5 00	5 00	100 00
7	Cedar Grove	2 21	2 21		2 21		2 21	529 21
8	Deep Branch							1 00
9	First Baptist							72 25
10	Gray Pond							2 50
11	Harpers Ferry	1 00			1 00	1 00	1 00	95 01
12	Hickory Grove							
13	Mt. Airy	8 00	2 20		10 00	8 00	10 20	189 70
14	Mt. Elim	13 75			13 75	13 75	13 75	119 75
15	Mt. Moriah	1 35			1 35	1 35	1 35	85 60
16	Mt. Olive	9 00			9 00	9 00	9 00	9 00
17	Oak Grove	7 50			7 50	7 50	7 50	78 65
18	Piney Grove							118 56
19	Pleasant View							
20	Reedy Branch							244 87
21	Smyrna	11 45				11 45	11 45	121 96
22	Ten Mile Center	7 50			7 50	7 50	7 50	90 50
23	Union							86 24
24	Zion Hill							26 14

TABLE VI. B. Y. P. U.'s of Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

CHURCHES		Does Church Have General B. Y. P. U. Organizations?	Senior Unions.	Intermediate Unions.	Junior Unions.	Total Unions.	Standard Unions.	Seniors Enrolled.	Intermediates Enrolled.	Juniors Enrolled.	Total Enrolled.	Number Taking B. Y. P. U. Study Course.	Total Number Daily Bible Readers.	Total Systematic Givers in All Unions.
1	Antioch	Yes	1			1		26		26	15	19		
2	Berea	Yes	1	1		2		57	15	12	57	12	8	16
3	Bethel Hill	Yes	1			1		16		16				
4	Burnt Swamp	Yes	1			1								
5	Cedar Grove	Yes	1			1		35		35				
6	Mt. Airy	Yes	1			1		29		29				
7	Mt. Elim	Yes	1			1		32		32			16	
8	Reedy Branch	Yes	1			1		27		27				
9	Smyrna	Yes	1			1		34		34	20	22		
10	Ten Mile Center	Yes	1			1		24		24	14	1	15	

TABLE VII. Woman's Work of Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

CHURCHES		Number of Woman's Missionary Societies.	Number of Y. W. A.'s.	Number of G. A.'s.	Number of R. A.'s.	Number of Sunbeams.	Total W. M. U. Organizations.	W. M. S. Members.	Y. W. A.'s Members.	G. A.'s Members.	Sunbeam Members.	Total Members Enrolled.	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses.
1	Antioch	1		1		1	3	20		7	25	52	12
2	Bear Swamp	1					1	5				5	4
3	Berea	1	1				1	16	10		25	51	24
4	Bethel Hill	1		1			1	30			30	30	14
5	Burnt Swamp	1					1	5				15	20
6	Harpers Ferry	1						15			17	32	
7	Mt. Airy	1				1	2	15			32	47	9
8	Mt. Elim	1						12				12	9
9	Mt. Moriah	1				1	2	15			35	50	5
10	Oak Grove	1	1				1	15			20	35	14
11	Smyrna	1		1		1	3	19		7	33	59	19
12	Ten Mile Center	1		1		1	3	16		9	25	50	10



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MINUTES

of the

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

BURNT SWAMP MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

of the

CHEROKEE INDIANS OF ROBESON COUNTY

held with the

MT. MORIAH CHURCH
November 2, 3, 1932



The next session of the Association will be held with the
Piney Grove Baptist Church, beginning November 2, 1933.

PROCEEDINGS

Mt. Moriah Church, November 2, 1932.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met in its 55th annual session with the Mt. Moriah Church November 2, 1932,

The next session of the Association will be held with Piney Grove Baptist Church, beginning November 2, 1933.

FIRST DAY

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association assembled promptly at 10:15 o'clock, with Rev. S. A. Hammonds presiding.

The Roll of Churches was called and a majority found present.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. G. Hunt and Rev. D. D. Locklear finance committee.

By motion, the various church letters were called for and was read by L. W. Jacobs.

The Roll of Delegates was secured by Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

The following is a Roll of Delegates who were sent by their churches to work in this Association:

NAMES

E. G. Smith
Will Carter
J. R. Hardin
Moline Jacobs
James E. Chavis
Elias Locklear
L. J. Bell
Wm. R. Locklear
Charlie Warix
E. J. Emanuel
J. L. Hammonds
L. J. Hammonds
G. M. Locklear
W. H. Tyner
W. H. McNeill
John W. Sampson
Carl Clark
Braddie Oxendine
H. A. Morgan
Mrs. Mollie Hunt
Ollie Cummings
Sandy Chavis
Guss Chavis

NAMES

D. Fields
A. N. Locklear
Willie Jacobs
Thos. H. Oxendine
W. D. Oxendine
J. L. Carter
T. C. Cummings
W. L. Tyler
Bruce Oxendine
L. L. Oxendine
Eli Chavis
Kinnie Smith
A. L. Hunt
J. R. Oxendine
George L. Locklear
C. M. Locklear
D. A. Locklear
Martin Locklear
Henry Dunn
W. O. Hammons
K. B. Hunt
James E. Hunt

By motion, the Annual election was taken up.

By motion, Rev. S. A. Hammons was elected Moderator of the Association.

By motion, Bro. A. N. Locklear was elected Clerk of the Association.

By motion, Rev. L. W. Jacobs was elected Treasurer.

By motion, the Executive Board was appointed as follows: Rev. J. C. Clark, W. D. Oxendine, Rev. C. E. Locklear, Rev. L. W. Jacobs and A. N. Locklear.

The Noon Sermon was preached by Rev. C. E. Locklear, his subject being the "Open Door.

The Association, then adjourned for noon, one hour.

By motion, a collection of \$5.00 was taken up for Rev. J. C. Clark.

FIRST DAY— AFTERNOON

The Association assembled promptly at one o'clock.

The Song Service was conducted by Bro. John Buniam Locklear and prayer was made by Bro. Edward Emanuel.

The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting friends and newly constituted churches. At this time, Oak Grove, Smyrna and Mt. Moriah churches presented their letters, which were read and recived and delegates names enrolled.

By motion, the Roll was called. The Moderator now called for the Program to be taken up.

The Report on Orphanage was read by Mrs. S. A. Hammons and discussed by her and Rev. M. C. Lunsford and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Something like five years ago some of the leading brethren of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association said let us build an Orphanage home. At the following session of the Association a resolution was passed asking all the churches in the Association to send in money for that purpose, but for lack of interest there was never much money sent in, and today still finds us without an Orphanage home and very much in need of one. There are just lots of children who did not have anything to do with their coming into the world within the bounds of our Association that need our care and protection. And we as Christians are responsible for their care.

Exodus 22:22—Ye shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child.

James 1:27—Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. And unless we go with full hands our visit wont amount to much.

The only way that we can care for the fatherless properly is to build an Orphanage home and gather up these little ill treated children and place them in that home. Place a good Christian man and woman in the home to care for them. Let us come with our means for the support of the home. Let each church in the Association send in something each month to build an Orphanage home. Lets get the idea that we can build an Orphanage home.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. A. HAMMOND.

The Report on Church Development, by Bro. Lacy Maynor was discussed by Rev. Page.

This Report will be furnished by Bro. Maynor.

The Report on "Religious Literature" was read by Bro. John L. Carter and discussed by Bro. Carter and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Life is far too short to read every kind of literature. I would say trust your friends who are older and have wider knowledge and experience to help guide you in the selection of literature to read.

"Tell me what you read and I will tell you what you are." Good literature is a better friend than a good man. Good Literature faces you with its opinions in black and white, while a good man sometimes, however unwittingly, vilifies and belittle's you at your back.

The influence of true Religious Literature is always enobling. It strengthens our love for our fellow-man. Who can read true Religious literature without feeling his better nature enobled and strengthened?

Some periodicals profess great good, and really have some pure and sensible reading, yet on the whole are most injurious and destructive.

Who would give his family food in which was hidden deadly poison? Just so dangerous, yet so disguised is many a magazine or periodical. Wherein is some matter that is demoralizing, indecent, dishonest or of a debasing and injurious tendency.

Some parents are criminally careless in this respect. They permit children to receive corrupting, yet enticing printed matter, which the enemy of all good and his dupes and emissaries issue.

If true Religious literature isn't widely circulated among the masses in this country, and the people do not adhere to it, I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be. If God and his word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy. If Religious literature does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will.

Then place such literature as the Royal Path of Life, the New Century Leader, the Christian Herald and the Biblical Recorder in the home. Such literature is spre to cultivate a desire, in the young people to do noble and great things and have a spirit of Communion with God.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. CARTER.

By motion, that Bro. S. A. Hammons preach tonight.

By motion, Bros. W. D. Oxendine, C. H. Hunt and Wm. R. Locklear, prepare the Program for 1933.

By motion, Bro. J. R. Oxendine and Rev. L. A. Maynor be Obituary Committee.

By motion the Association adjourned till tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY

The Association assembled at 9:30 o'clock.

Song Service was conducted by Rev. G. W. Hunt.

The Moderator read part of the 5th chapter of Matthew for the morning lesson.

Prayer was made by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

The Moderator declared the house open and ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting friends and Newly Constituted Churches.

By motion, the Roll was called and a majority fount present.

By motion, the proceedings of yesterday were read and received

By motion, Gray Pond church's letter was read and received.

The Program was now taken up.

The Report on Prayer Meeting was called for and read by Geo. W. Locklear.

The same was discussed by Bro. Locklear and adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

Prayer-meeting is the means by which a church may show and have strength, power and growth.

Unless we have the right kind of a prayer-meeting we will have weak, dwarfy churches. Our churches will be without power. Also we can't expect our churches to grow unless we meet from time to time in a lively, weekly prayer-meeting.

The Prophets seasons of reading and praying. The Disciples of Christ and the good women met for prayer often.

Therefore be it resolved that we organize a weekly prayer-meeting in every church and keep it going.

Respectfully, submitted,

GEO. W. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

The Report on Aged Ministers was called for and read by Rev. G. W. Hunt. The same was discussed by Bro. Hunt and by motion, was received

REPORT ON RELIEF OF AGED MINISTERS.

We think of gone by days when opportunities had not presented to us as now to look forward to the great need of helping in this Relief to the Aged Ministers, who have labored hard trying to meet the demands of to-day in the Burnt Swamp Association. Then as throughout the State, that all old aged ministers are entitled to relief. While the Southern Baptist Convention have fixed the plan of helping them, let us not complain, but boost its work and co-operate with them with our means. In this way we can hold up our lights that others may see our good work.

W. G. HUNT, Committee.

The Report on Every Member Canvass by Bro. A. N. Locklear, was discussed by him and Rev. Hudson, and by motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON EVERY MEMBER CANVASS.

This is a new work, with us, and is very necessary for our churches, and many members do not like it, but see that your sins will find you out, and this canvass if properly carried through will find the delinquent members.

We are at least obligated to GIVE as GOD, has PROSPERED us.

We are poor perhaps because we have kept too much for ourselves and offered God so little.

Give and it shall be given unto you.

Give in time, means and prayer—Give in the name of Jesus; for he gave his life for us.

Be sure in giving, first to Give ourselves, and what ever else we have to offer, the Lord will show us where and how to place it, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. LOCKLEAR.

The subject of State Missions by C. E. Strickland, was discussed by Rev. M. C. Lunsford, and by motion, was received.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Just before our Saviour ascended to heaven, He said to His Disciples, "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8.) This forever establishes missions in every part of the earth.

The first section is our "Jerusalem," and forever lays upon us the solemn but blessed task of preaching the gospel in our State.

But what has made the wonderful Baptist growth in our State? The answer is as follows: (1) Our fathers preached none but Baptist doctrines; (2) They laid unusual emphasis upon mission work in every section of our State.

Will Baptists continue to grow in our State? The answer is in our attitude toward the spread of the gospel in every section of our great State of North Carolina. Let us do it all for Jesus' sake.

M. C. LUNSFORD,

For Committee.

The Report on Home Missions will be prepared by Rev. D. D. Locklear.

The Report on Foreign Mission was discussed by Bro. A. N. Locklear, and Rev. L. W. Jacobs, and by motion, was received.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great a Salvation. Mission, means to go. We all can't go in person, we don't need to, but we are required to delegate our services and let them speak for us in other lands. We are in debt to send men and women, money and our prayers.

Since through the Gospel, Christ found us, then we should gladly seek to save the lost for Jesus Christ's sake.—Help carry the Gospel light to the benighted world. We are debtors to help in this great task, since some one brought the Gospel to us.

Will we pay back? Do for others as some one thought and did do for us? There are fathers and mothers, yes and children too, who do not know of the Christ, nor God, nor the Holy Ghost, nor the Gospel—which is good news.

See the Missionaris, with their scanty means trying to hold up Christ in a strange land! Will we help? Can we say here am I, send me?

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. LOCKLEAR.

The Report on W. M. U. Work by Mrs. M. C. Lunsford, was read by Mrs. Lottie Chavis, the Secretary of the Association, and was discussed by Mrs. Lunsford and motion, was received.

REPORT ON W. M. U. WORK.

The annual session of the W. M. U. of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association was held with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Thursday, Sept. 22, 1932.

The morning session convened at ten o'clock with Mrs. M. C. Lunsford, Superintendent, presiding. The opening devotion was conducted by Mrs. Mary Hammonds. Mrs. Rose Carter cordially welcomed the visitors, to which Miss Bertie Thomas responded.

Encouraging reports were made by officers and leaders. Many of the fundamentals of missions were ably discussed by the members. Special music was furnished by Miss Evelyn Bell and Miss Bertie Thomas.

At the noon hour a bounteous dinner was served by the hostess church. The afternoon session was opened by Mrs. J. C. Revels, Young People's Leader. Mrs. Revels gave a talk on Young People's work. After which we had many fine demonstrations by the young people of the various churches.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. M. C. Lunsford, Supt.; Mrs. Lottie Mae Chavis, Sec.; Mrs. Rose Carter, Mission Study Chairman; Mrs. Rhoda Cummings, Personal Service Chairman; Miss Anna Mae Locklear, Stewardship Chairman; Mrs. J. C. Revels, Supt. Young People's Work.

Adjourned to meet with Oak Grove Baptist Church, Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1933.

MRS. M. C. LUNS福德,
Superintendent.

The Report on Young People's Work, was read by Mrs. J. C. Revels. The same was discussed by Mrs. Revels, and by motion, was received.

REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

We are very grateful to God, our Father, and can only praise and thank Him for the work that has been accomplished throughout the Burnt Swamp Association.

We have been handicapped in many ways. But I feel that God has led us on. I know that many of the Sunbeam Leaders have labored faithfully with their little group of workers.

We have a Sunbeam Band organized in every church where there is a

W. M. S. In 1931 we had a report of eight Sunbeam Bands, two G. A.'s. Now our report shows an increase in the number of different societies.

Prov. 22-6. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Have we done our duty to teach those who do not know Him, and to lead them hither to His feet? But we feel that in so many ways we have failed. The task is so great and our laborers are so few. The question that we must face is: Are our children cared for and taught and trained with great care that they may be ready in their own time to take up wisely the works of the world? It is the duty of every mother and father to see that their child gets the proper training! But how can they get the proper training without the different organizations. Shall we be able to say that we have done our best to train them to carry on the work He has for them to do?

O that each in the day,

Of His coming may say,

I have fought my way through;

I have finished the work Thou didst give me to do.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. REVEL.

By motion, the Association called off one hour for noon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

At one o'clock, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The song service was conducted by Bro. S. M. Bell. Song "In The Sweet." Prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

A collection was taken for Mrs. Sallie Blanks amounting to \$4.65.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business and extended an invitation to visiting friends and Newly Constituted Churches.

The Program was taken up.

The Report on Christian Education by Rev. E. B. Sampson was read by Rev. L. W. Jacobs and discussed by Rev. C. E. Locklear and Bro. Jacobs, and by motion, was received.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," was Paul's advice to a young minister; and that advice needs to be repeated today with emphasis to all workers in vineyard of the Lord, especially those who are to be leaders.

Christian Education is the process of producing the re-embodiment of Christ in every surrendered life; and its aim is to help take care of the members that has been gained by Evangelism. Christian Education increases the regulating principles of the heart and strengthens the powers to resist temptation, bear persecution, surmount difficulties and overcome the various forms of evil. Such training is found in Christian Schools. Christian Literature and in the various branches of our church work, and last but not the least, around the fireside of Christian parents.

Working in the service of the Lord is inspiring, winning souls for Jesus is a blest work, why not tarry at Jerusalem until we are prepared for the task?

E. B. SAMPSON.

The Report on B. Y. P. U. Work by Bro. W. G. Revels, was called for and read by Bro. Revels, discussed by him and Rev. M. C. Lunsford and by motion, was received.

WHAT B. Y. P. U. MEANS TO OUR CHURCH.

The other day a man stood at the Niagara and burst into tears as he thought of the gigantic power there wasting itself on the rock and losing itself in spray and foam. The Burnt Swamp Association have cause to weep over her untrained church members in which the power of Niagara lie dormant.

Thinking of our churches we hear the Apostle Paul saying to the young man Timothy, as he speaks of the youths relationship to the church, "The church of the living God the pillar and ground of the truth." (I Tim. 3:15). Paul speaks to us of the marvelous function of the church, speaking while his eyes rest upon a Corinthian monument. The church is to support, hold up, Christ in the world. The value and meaning of our church is seen in the Truth which it supports who is Jesus Christ who said, "I am the truth." What a responsibility the church! The truth is in the world but humaity provides no sure support for it. It will settle in the soil unless support is supplied for it. So the Lord Jesus established the church that it might be the 'Pillar and the ground of truth' lifting him high in the midst of a world which needs to look and live.

In such a task, what does the B. Y. P. U. mean to our church? Has it made any real contribution to the youthful achievement of the church task? What has the B. Y. P. U. meant to our church?

I. Contact with Church Members and Their Enlistment. A B. Y. P. U. department within the church means that our church will have a closer contact with more of its members, and more of them will be enlisted for service.

It has become the experience of many churches where B. Y. P. U.

work is taking steady advancement that the unions became a point of contact for reaching a large part of the untouched, unlisted members, and especially the young converts. The B. Y. P. U. will train the new converts, declare their purpose of training in church membership.

There are a few Christians who can keep spiritually alert unless they are busy for the Lord. Our very nature requires activity. Our church find that the activities of B. Y. P. U. gives full opportunity for such expression, and that young Christians find enthusiastic interest in the work of our Lord.

II. B. Y. P. U. Means Larger Congregations. No church can become an effective soul-winning character-building church unless there is loyalty to its preaching service.

What a vital force B. Y. P. U.'s have become for building up the preaching service, especially the evening service. This is one of the great teachings of the B. Y. P. U. regular church attendance.

III. B. Y. P. U. Means Discovery and Enlistment of Workers. B. Y. P. U. has meant to our church the discovery and enlistment of leaders and workers for every department of the church.

One of the difficulties of our church task has been the death of leaders and capable workers. This has been true for many generations, perhaps throughout the history of the church.

The B. Y. P. U. means more and better prepared leaders and workers for each church, when the opportunity will have presents itself.

IV. B. Y. P. U. Means Consecrations to Our Church.—Perhaps the greatest need of the church today is real reconsecration of life on the part of their members. Jesus Christ said, 'Ye are the light of the world,' and light is only effective in lighting the way when it is concentrated. If it becomes diffused and scattered or mingled with darkness, its power is gone. A declaration that we are set apart for the service of God, a great separation for us is our need.

Helping our church toward this our Baptist young people are making great contribution as they group themselves in unions, make their devotional studies, lift their hearts in united prayer, allow the church to guide in their social life, and throw themselves into the battle for Christ.

There is a great challenge in B. Y. P. U. work, a challenge to our young people and to our church. Through this organization of the church we come to appreciate the privilege of church membership and are prepared for service. B. Y. P. U. mean that our church is able to use young Christians in functioning for Christ while serving as "The Pillar and Ground of Truth."

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. REVELS.

The Report on Temperance by Bro. W. D. Oxendine, was read and discussed by Bro. Oxendine and Bro. A. N. Locklear, and by motion, was received.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The feeling in favor of total abstinence from strong drink is rapidly growing. It is time for every thoughtful person to enter a solemn protest against strong drink, which every year is inflicting such awful havoc among our race. Who can be indifferent to the woes it brings on hearts and homes, on villages and towns, on countries and continents?

Intemperance is the great enemy of our republic, the most formidable foe of health, prosperity, happiness, industry, morality, and religion in our land.

The Church of Christ is its chief antagonist. Love to God and man, her inspiring motive, impels her to make incessant war on this deadly evil. The whole tenor of the Scripture, her only guide book, is against the sin of drunkenness, and in favor of temperance.

Faithfulness on the part of the church in this conflict is the only hope. If she fails to do her whole duty it is "as when a standard bearer fainteth." We earnestly recommend each member in the Association to teach temperance, both by precept, and example. If it requires self-denial, it is harmless, yea beneficial to us, and absolutely necessary to the overthrow of the greatest enemy to God and man.

The evils of intemperance can hardly be stated in terms too strong. It destroys health and life. It incites to crime. It imperils every human interest and throws a shadow over every prospect of life.

May we do all we can to blot out the evil of intemperance from among our people.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. OXENDINE,

Committee.

By motion, the miscellaneous business was taken up.

By motion, that Bro. W. D. Oxendine be Historian for the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

By motion, the Program Committee made their report and was discharged.

PROGRAM BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1933.

- 10:00 A. M. Moderator—Rev. S. A. Hammonds.
 10:15 A. M. Devotional Exercises—Rev. R. B. Jacobs.
 10:45 A. M. Letters called for and delegates (names) organization.
 11:00 A. M. Annual Sermon—Rev. J. E. Hunt—Alternate S. A. Hammonds.
 12:00 M. Luncheon.
 1:00 P. M. Devotional Exercises—J. R. Oxendine.
 1:15 P. M. Orphanage Report—Mrs. Lottie Chavis.
 2:00 P. M. Report on Sunday School and Religious Census—Mr. Montford Morgan.
 2:30 P. M. Report Religious Literature—Mr. Charlie Warix.
 3:00 P. M. Adjourn.

NIGHT SESSION

- 7:00 P. M. Missionary Sermon—Rev. W. L. Jacobs.

SECOND DAY

- 9:00 A. M. Devotional Service—Rev. Purcell Locklear.
 9:45 P. M. Report on Prayer Meeting—Mr. C. A. Sampson.
 10:00 A. M. Report on Relief of Aged Ministers—Mr. Sanford Sampson.
 10:15 A. M. Report on Stewardship and Every Member Canvass—Rev. L. W. Jacobs.
 10:45 A. M. Report on Missions:
 1. State Missions by Rev. W. G. Hunt.
 2. Home Missions by Rev. P. P. Locklear.
 3. Foreign Missions by M. C. Lunsford.
 11:45 A. M. W. M. S. Work by Mrs. Lunsford.
 1. Report on Young People's Work—Mrs. J. C. Revels.
 12:00 M. Luncheon.
 1:00 P. M. Devotional Exercises by Mr. Luke Bell.
 1:15 P. M. Christian Education—Rev. C. E. Locklear.
 1:45 P. M. Report on B. Y. P. U. by Mr. W. G. Revels.
 2:00 P. M. Report on Temperance by Mr. Clifton Oxendine.
 2:15 P. M. Historian's Report.
 2:30 P. M. Business session.
 Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. LOCKLEAR,
 W. D. OXENDINE,
 CHARLIE HUNT.

By motion, the Treasurer made the following report which was received:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Had on hand	\$297.95
Received Association and Unions	203.07
Total.....	<u>\$501.02</u>
Disbursements:—Paid for Minutes	\$ 65.00
Paid to Clerk	25.00
Paid for Insurance	22.00
Paid to Union Clerk	5.00
Paid for Relief	17.48
Total	<u>\$134.48</u>
Balance on hand	<u>\$366.64</u>

L. W. JACOBS,
Treasurer.

By motion, the Obituary Committee was called for and made the following report which was received.

OBITUARY REPORT

We, your Committee do report from the various churches the following named deceased members:

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| (1) Mt. AIRY—
Mr. A. L. Lowrie
Mr. J. A. Wilkins | (10) FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PEMBROKE—
Mrs. Claisia Chavis |
| (2) CEDAR GROVE—None. | (11) ANTIOCH— |
| (3) PINEY GROVE—
Mrs. Betsie Hunt
Mrs. Minie Oxendine | Mr. Neal Harding
Mrs. Mandy J. Carter
Mrs. Cordelia Smith |
| (4) Mt. OLIVE—
Mr. John Sampson, Deacon
Mr. B. C. Locklear | (12) TEN MILE CENTER—None.
(13) BEAR SWAMP—None.
(14) BERE A—None. |

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| (5) PLEASANT VIEW—None. | (15) BETHEL HILL— |
| (6) MT. ELIM— | Mr. June McNeill |
| Mrs. Nellie Oxendine | (16) BURNT SWAMP—None. |
| (7) ZION HILL— | (17) GREY POND— |
| Mr. Troy Davis, Deacon | Mr. John Chavis, Deacon |
| Mrs. Cordelia Smyth | (18) MT. MORIAH—None. |
| (8) REEDY BRANCH—None. | (19) SMYRNA—None. |
| (9) HARPERS FERRY— | (20) OAK GROVE— |
| Rev. Z. R. Brooks | Mr. Richard Chavis |
| | Mrs. Emer Jones. |

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. OXENDINE,
L. A. MAYNOR,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report and by motion, was received:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Antioch	\$ 2.25
Bear Swamp	2.00
Berea	5.00
Bethel Hill	5.00
Burnt Swamp	2.00
Cedar Grove	3.00
First Baptist	2.00
Harpers Ferry	3.90
Mt. Airy	6.15
Mt. Elim	4.00
Mt. Moriah	4.00
Mt. Olive	5.51
Piney Grove	4.00
Pleasant View	3.25
Reedy Branch	3.00
Ten Mile Center	3.00
Zion Hill	1.00
Gray Pond	2.30
Collection	5.51
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Received from various churches by letters	\$ 66.91

By collection for Rev. J. C. Clark-----	5.00
By Collection -----	5.00
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Total -----	\$76.91

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HUNT,

D. D. LOCKLEAR,

Committee.

By motion, that Berea church pay the Insurance on the church and that the Association pay the Insurance on the parsonage.

By motion, that the Constitution be printed in the Minutes.

By motion, that 600 copies of the proceedings be printed.

By motion, that we pay the Clerk \$25.00 for his services.

By motion, that a Vote of Thanks be extended Mt. Moriah church and vicinity for their hospitality shown this Association.

By motion, that the Association adjourn.

REV. S. A. HAMMONS, Moderator.

A. N. LOCKLEAR, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association of the Cherokee Indians of Robeson County

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the various churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association. Who shall be members? Whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates.

Art. 3. The Association may act as an advisory council, but shall make no laws binding on the churches.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted on a petition by letter and delegates if, on examination they be found orthodox, manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of welcome to the delegates: Provided further, that no church shall be admitted without a site to build on with a clear title, to be examined by a committee.

Art. 6. Every church in this Union shall be entitled to a representation of three members chosen from each church: Provided further, the preachers from the various churches of the Association shall have the same power as the delegates.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of what we think is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such funds as they think proper, and send by delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 9 The Annual session of the Association shall begin on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 10. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for a union of churches. (2) to present inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; (3) to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) to inquire into the cause of the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) to appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose deemed proper; (6) to appoint any members, by and with their consent, to transact any business they see proper; (7) to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion; (8) to adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 11. No church in this Association shall ordain a man to the full work of the Ministry until they have completed the 7th grade in an accredited school.

Art. 12. This form of government may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

TABLE I.—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town or Country?	When Constituted?	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting.	Members Reported Last Year.	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members.	Weekly Prayer Meetings.	Revival Meetings Held During Year.	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year.	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper.
						Baptisms.	Letters.	Statements.	Restorations.	Exclusions.	Erasures.	Deaths.						
1. Antioch	C	1900	W. G. Hunt, St. Paul	2	119	1	1	2	1	5	3	110	1	1	1	3	3	
2. Bear Swamp	C	1880	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	1	113	5	2	1	1	1	1	119	1	2	5	1	1	
3. Berea	C	1925	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	3	48	27	1	1	2	1	1	76	1	1	4	4	3	
4. Bethany	C	1919	W. G. Hunt, St. Paul	1	130	1	1	3	5	7	1	121	1	1	2	---	---	
5. Bethel Hill	C	1870	P. P. Locklear, Lumberton	3	71	3	1	3	1	2	---	73	1	1	1	---	---	
6. Burnt Swamp	C	1930	C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	2	44	3	2	1	---	4	---	47	1	1	1	---	---	
7. Cedar Grove	C	---	---	---	---	8	---	---	---	---	---	20	---	---	---	---	---	
8. Deep Branch	C	---	C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	4	45	3	1	6	2	2	1	48	1	1	2	---	---	
9. First Baptist	C	1912	C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	3	40	5	2	6	2	2	---	52	1	1	3	---	---	
10. Gray Pond	C	1880	C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	4	87	12	1	---	5	1	---	104	1	1	4	---	---	
11. Harpers Ferry	C	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
12. Hickory Grove	C	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
13. Mt. Airy	C	1915	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	4	154	8	---	---	6	2	2	164	1	1	4	---	---	
14. Mt. Elim	C	1924	George Chavis, Red Springs	3	84	---	---	3	1	3	5	1	74	---	1	3	---	
15. Mt. Moriah	C	---	L. A. Maynor, Buie	3	151	---	---	---	---	3	---	148	---	---	---	---	---	
16. Mt. Olive	C	1906	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	2	148	---	---	---	---	1	1	134	1	1	4	---	1	
17. Oak Grove	C	1886	D. D. Locklear, Lumberton	2	102	13	---	1	1	5	2	110	---	1	---	---	---	
18. Piney Grove	C	1897	J. E. Hunt, Lumberton	3	104	6	---	---	4	3	2	109	---	1	---	---	---	
19. Pleasant View	C	1902	H. Tadlock, Maxton	2-4	---	14	25	---	---	---	---	75	1	1	4	---	---	
20. Reedy Branch	C	---	C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	1-3	312	10	1	---	5	3	9	2	314	1	1	1	---	
21. Smyrna	C	---	W. G. Hunt, St. Paul	3	88	6	1	2	5	4	9	---	89	1	1	3	---	
22. Ten Mile Center	C	1922	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	4	37	14	5	3	---	1	---	58	1	1	2	---	---	
23. Union	C	1926	L. A. Maynor, Buie	2-4	21	5	---	---	---	---	---	1	25	---	1	2	---	
24. Zion Hill	C	---	Z. R. Chavis, Pembroke	4	49	2	---	---	5	---	6	2	46	---	---	---	---	

TABLE II.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES		SUPERINTENDENTS AND FOOST OFFICES.										Is it a Village, Town or Country Church?													
		Antioch	Bear Swamp	Berea	Bethany	Bethel Hill	Burnt Swamp	Cedar Grove	Deep Branch	First Baptist	Gray Pond	Harpers Ferry	Hickory Grove	Mt. Airy	Mt. Elim	Mt. Moriah	Mt. Olive	Oak Grove	Piney Grove	Pleasant View	Reedy Branch	Smyrna	Ten Mile Center	Union	Zion Hill
1.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
2.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
3.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
4.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
5.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
6.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
7.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
8.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
9.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
10.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
11.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
12.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
13.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
14.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
15.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
16.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
17.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
18.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
19.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
20.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
21.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
22.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
23.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
24.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
25.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
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TABLE IV.—LOCAL CHURCH GIFTS.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary.	Other Salaries.	Ministerial Help and Supply.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	Literature for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor.	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association.	Other Objects.	Total Given by Church.	Total Given by the Sunday School.	Grand Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and Its Organiza's.
1. Antioch	Will Carter St. Paul	\$40 03	\$—	\$2 40	\$—	\$2 35	\$29 32	\$14 73	\$2 25	\$—	\$55 80	\$—	\$55 80
2. Bear Swamp	Lacy Cummings, Pembroke	39 33	—	—	—	—	7 88	5 55	2 95	11 95	66 68	10 13	76 81
3. Berea	W. G. Revels, Pembroke	36 75	—	5 00	—	27 35	53 68	—	5 00	17 50	145 56	—	145 56
4. Bethany	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Bethel Hill	E. J. Emanuel, Lumberton	37 17	—	—	—	—	26 31	12 60	5 00	—	82 58	—	82 58
6. Burnt Swamp	—	64 40	—	20 00	—	—	—	—	2 00	—	—	—	86 40
7. Cedar Grove	Carl Clark, Lumberton	70 99	—	—	375 00	18 00	35 00	—	3 00	7 85	509 84	—	509 84
8. Deep Branch	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. First Baptist	W. H. Godwin, Pembroke	40 00	—	—	—	14 00	—	—	2 00	56 00	—	—	56 00
10. Gray Pond	Rose Dunn, Maxton	50 00	—	—	—	12 35	—	—	2 30	64 65	—	—	64 65
11. Harpers Ferry	A. N. Locklear Pembroke.	60 00	—	—	—	19 00	—	—	3 90	82 90	—	—	82 90
12. Hickory Grove	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Mt. Airy	Geo. L. Locklear, Buie	125 00	—	17 55	—	—	—	24 06	6 15	—	173 16	—	173 16
14. Mt. Elim	C. L. Oxendine, Red Springs	28 00	—	6 60	—	20 04	—	—	4 00	—	60 64	—	60 64
15. Mt. Moriah	Emory Hunt, Lumberton	30 00	21 00	—	—	—	—	15 00	4 00	4 50	74 50	—	74 50
16. Mt. Olive	—	72 05	8 55	—	—	5 70	31 83	6 65	5 51	130 26	—	—	139 29
17. Oak Grove	Martin Locklear, McColl S. C.	25 00	—	6 00	—	—	14 82	—	2 00	47 82	—	—	47 82
18. Piney Grove	K. B. Hunt, Fairmont	49 43	—	—	—	—	11 25	5 00	4 00	70 78	—	—	70 78
19. Pleasant View	Ervin Hunt, Fairmont	75 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 25	78 25	—	—	78 25
20. Reedy Branch	C. H. Hunt, Fairmont	127 04	—	—	—	20 60	27 00	8 80	3 00	10 32	191 50	—	191 50
21. Smyrna	Doc Carter, Allenton	50 66	9 58	8 00	74 98	17 00	17 00	2 75	2 30	735 27	—	—	135 17
22. Ten Mile Center	W. W. Blanks, Lumberton	43 82	—	—	—	2 50	16 58	—	3 00	65 90	—	—	65 90
23. Union	L. M. Weaver, Lumberton	20 90	1 70	—	—	5 00	18 03	—	1 25	41 23	—	—	41 23
24. Zion Hill	C. L. Locklear, Rennett	20 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 00	21 00	—	—	21 00

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TABLE VI.—Baptist Young People's Unions.

CHURCHES	Senior Unions.	Intermediate Unions.	Junior Unions.	Total Unions.	Seniors Enrolled.	Intermediates Enrolled.	Juniors Enrolled.	Total Enrolled.	Number Taking B. Y. P. U. Study Course.	Total Number Daily Bible Readers.	Total Systematic Givers in all Unions.	Students in College from your Church.
1. Antioch	1			1				24	19	10		
2. Berea	1	1	1	3	42	38	32	122	27			1
3. Cedar Grove	1		1	2				64	6			
4. Mt. Airy	1				27				14			
5. Mt. Elim	1								12	6		
6. Smyrna	1				34				11	15	30	
7. Ten Mile Center	1				19							
8. Union	1	1	1	3	11	10	10		31			

TABLE VII.—WOMAN'S WORK.

CHURCHES.	Number of Woman's Missionary Societies.	Number of G. A.'s.	Number of R. A.'s.	Number of Sunbeams.	Total W. M. U. Organizations.	W.M.S. Members.	G. A.'s. Members.	R. A.'s. Members.	Sunbeam Members.	Total Members Enrolled.	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses.
1. Antioch	1			1		2	21		20	41	14
2. Bear Swamp	1					7				7	5
3. Berea	1	1	1	1		4	15	8	7	13	43
4. Bethel Hill	1	1	1	1		4	18	18	12	30	78
5. Burnt Swamp	1					15					15
6. Cedar Grove	1			1		2	12		20	32	12
7. Harpers Ferry	1			1		2	25		15	40	11
8. Mt. Airy	1					8				8	12
9. Mt. Elim	1			1		2	11		14	25	7
10. Mt. Moriah	1	1		1		3	15	10		25	50
11. Mt. Olive	1			1		2	12		30	42	7
12. Oak Grove	1	1		1		3	18	4	20	42	12
13. Smyrna	1			1		2	27		28	55	15
14. Ten Mile Center	1	1	1	1		4	15	8	8	23	54
15. Union	1			1		2	12		10	22	8



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MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
**Burnt Swamp Missionary
Baptist Association**
North Carolina
OF THE
Cherokee Indians Of Robeson County
HELD WITH THE
PINEY GROVE CHURCH
November 2-3, 1933

The next session of the Association will be held with
The Ten Mile Center Baptist Church
November 1-2, 1934.

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W. G. Revels.....	Pembroke, N. C.
J. L. Carter.....	Buies, N. C.

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L. A. Maynor.....	Buies, N. C.
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T. H. Hammonds.....	Lumberton, N. C.
Wesley Huggins.....	Fairmont, N. C.
W. J. Sampson.....	Lumberton, N. C.
A. T. Taylor.....	Fairmont, N. C.

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Chesley Maynor.....	Buies, N. C.
A. G. Hunt.....	Fairmont, N. C.
Persel Locklear.....	Pembroke, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Piney Grove Church, November 2, 1933

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, met in its 56th Annual Session with Piney Grove Church.

Rev. S. A. Hammonds read the 13th chapter of First Corinthians.

Prayer Service was conducted by Rev. R. B. Jacobs.

At this point the Moderator declared the Association ready for business and extended an invitation to newly constituted churches and visiting brethren.

The Moderator appointed Rev. C. E. Locklear and Rev. L. A. Maynor finance committee. By motion the annual election of officers was taken up.

On motion Rev. S. A. Hammonds was reelected Moderator.

By motion D. D. Oxendine was reelected clerk.

By motion Rev. L. W. Jacobs was reelected treasurer and reading clerk.

By motion Rev. L. A. Maynor, Rev. W. G. Hunt and Bro. Evander Hunt were appointed a committee to select the members of the Executive Board.

The roll of delegates was called and a majority found present.

DELEGATES

Delegates	Dock Locklear	J. A. Lowry
Jasper Locklear	Wiley Jones	J. F. Revels
Stenie Hammonds	W. D. Oxendine	J. R. Strickland
E. G. Smith	T. C. Cummings	J. A. Bell
Morean Jacobs	J. L. Carter	Henry Lowry
Pete Brooks	Frank Locklear	C. L. Locklear
Warnell Jacobs	Revel Henderson	N. A. Lowry
D. L. Lowry	E. D. Cummings	Robert Sampson
S. V. Emanuel	Stintson Revels	H. T. Sampson
Dannie Chavis	L. M. Lowry	Eli Chavis
Luther Locklear	W. F. Locklear	Troy Thomas
J. M. Locklear	W. W. Blanks	Emory Hunt
Robert Carter	Grady Canada	D. A. Fields
Clifton Oxendine	L. A. Brenington	John McCleland
E. V. Hunt	H. N. Jacobs	McCleland John
Willie Wariax	A. E. Hammonds	W. A. Chavis
Neal Morgan	J. O. Brooks	James A. Fields
J. W. Sampson	Berry Hunt	Colon Hunt
Van Hunt	Faulk Hunt	Mrs. Chesley Hammond
W. H. Godwin	R. B. Hunt	G. W. Lowry
Richard Cummings	Raymon Locklear	A. G. Hunt
Andrew Hunt	Smile Chavis	Thomas McCoy
H. G. Jacobs	Spencer Locklear	

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The Moderator appointed Rev. L. A. Maynor to make the report on Religious Literature at 10:00 a. m. Friday.

At 11:30 a. m. Rev. S. A. Hammonds preached the annual sermon.

Text: Matthew 6:33.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. A. Maynor.

By motion the association adjourned one hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association reassembled and after song service by Bro. T. C. Cummings the report on orphanage was read by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The subject is before us again, "The Orphanage", and what are we as christians doing about it? Not very much of anything. There are lots of orphan children in the bounds of the Burnt Swamp Association still roaming from place to place, and still have no place to call home.

James 1:27—Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. Are we doing this? We as christians are responsible for the care and protection of these poor little children in our bounds.

The only way I see to care for these children properly is to build an orphanage home, and place a good christian man and woman there to care for them.

We as christian people should get more interested in this work and do something. If every professed christian of the Burnt Swamp Association would put their shoulder to the wheel and help push all they could, we would soon have an orphanage for the Indian children and care for them in the right way. I think that if we are not going to do anything about this work, we should stop talking about it.

Dear Christian brothers and sisters of the Burnt Swamp Association, let's serve the Lord more and do the things, which He has Com-manded us to do. To serve the Lord more we must serve humanity more

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Lottie Mae Chavis

The report was discussed by Rev. L. W. Jacobs and adopted.

By motion Rev. Jacobs, Rev. M. C. Lunsford, Bro. E. V. Hunt and W. D. Oxendine were made a committee to look after the interest of the orphans.

The report on Sunday School and religious census was presented by Montford Morgan,

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS CENSUS

In recent years our Sunday Schools have come to be regarded as a most important church activity. This is, no doubt, due to the fact that as knowledge increased along other educational lines our Sunday Schools were recognized in their true light which is that of an insti-

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tution of christian education. Our Sunday Schools at the present time are our greatest means of spreading christian education throughout the youth of our land.

Character Education trains in the art of behaving decently toward one another; christian education trains in the art of behaving rightly toward the Divine Being. Therefore the Sunday School is a great means of the church of bringing young people into personal and dutiful relationship with God.

If our Sunday School is to be successful we must strive to inject freshness and vividness into our methods, for to a stereotyped method which never varies, however that method may be attributed a part of the loss in Sunday School attendance. It is true that our young people are somewhat skeptical, but the gospel is good for every age and every man. It is only when it is interpreted in ways that are stale and perfunctory that people are doubtful or skeptical. When it is presented in terms fresh and vital they embrace it gladly.

Now let us consider for a moment the vast number of young people who do not attend church or Sunday School. It is from this number that come most of the young law-breakers. A prominent judge of the Supreme Court of New York says that during his 22 years on the bench, in which time he has tried over 4000 cases of young law breakers, but 3 of this number were members of a Sunday School. From this illustration I sincerely hope that we are able to realize something of its practical importance. Now in the face of these facts let us go after these boys and girls with a new and more determined effort, and as we go let us strive and pray to make our Sunday Schools give them an understanding and appreciation of the life and teachings of Jesus, lead them to Christ as Savior, Friend, Companion and Lord and lead them into loyalty to Christ and to his cause.

Respectfully Submitted,

Montford Morgan.

The report was discussed by Bro. Montford Morgan and adopted.

The report on Temperance was presented by Bro. Clifton Oxendine.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

No amount of legislation can do away with the need for training youth in habits of temperate living and loyal obedience to law. At the heart of the Christian conscience of this country there is a conviction that liquor traffic and Christian Gospel stand for two diverse and contradictory conceptions of personal and social life.

We must educate for temperance and law observance. Shall we teach prohibition? There are differences of opinion even among advocates of temperance as to the wisdom of our prohibition law and the practicality of its enforcement. No one will claim that the law is working perfectly. What law is working perfectly? But prohibition is desirable, and despite all statements to the contrary, it has on the whole brought great benefit to our country. A great array of forces is engaged in concerted effort to nullify or repeal the law, and Christian workers everywhere must awake to the seriousness of the situa-

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tion. There were overassurance and lack of watchfulness in the years immediately following the passage of the 18th amendment. Had temperance teaching not been allowed to lag or lapse in day schools and church schools there would not be such serious need for direct temperance work now.

Ours is the responsibility of teaching the application of Christian principles to temperance, self-control, obedience to law and love of our neighbor. Educating our young people to temperance will not only lead them to let liquor alone, but will develop in them a sense of responsibility for others, and when they become the leaders they will do their part in banishing intoxicating liquors from our land. Our education along the line of temperance must be done with adults as well as with the youth of our land. There are far too many Christians who lack the courage of their convictions. If every Christian man and woman throughout our land were consistent teetotalers because they knew the harm that results from liquor drinking and because they are willing to sacrifice what some are pleased to call their "liberty" and go without liquor in the interest of the common good, it would go a long way towards solving our temperance problems.

When your conscience tells you that any course of conduct is not wrong in itself, that is not the end of the matter. Your conscience has further questions to settle. What will be the influence upon others if you follow that course? You are your brother's keeper whether you will or not.

All food may be eaten; yet that man does wrong who eats what will cause his brother offense. Good is it not to eat flesh nor drink wine, nor to do anything which will cause your brother to stumble.

Despite the fact that there is strong sentiment against prohibition and that repeal is practically assured, the advice of the Apostle Paul on temperance is just as good and as binding today as it was near two thousand years ago when he said, Let not then your good be evil spoken of. If you exercise your good, your right to eat anything then others will speak evil of it. It is too great a price to pay for a matter of so little importance. For the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking. The important matters are righteousness and peace, and joy through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and man. So, then, let us pursue things that make for peace, and things whereby we may edify and build up one another, that is let us consider what effect upon others our conduct will have and see that we so act that the effect is good.

The way to end the trouble of prohibition is to stop drinking, then it will not be necessary. Drinking never did anybody any good and it has done millions infinite harm. Let us play the game clean ourselves and help give others a fair chance to do the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clifton Oxendine

The report was discussed by Bro. Clifton Oxendine and adopted.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. G. Hunt and L. A. Maynor a

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committee on obituaries and Rev. M. C. Lunsford, Bro. Peter Brooks and Bro. J. L. Carter for program committee.

By motion the next association was located with Ten Mile Center Baptist Church.

By motion the mission sermon will be preached Friday 11:30 a. m. by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. M. C. Lunsford.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Suppose that our Savior had limited the gospel to the country where He lived and died. Suppose He had given no command to His disciples to give the gospel to the whole world. What would have been the result? Long, long ago the gospel would have perished from the earth—for most people in Palestine did not believe it. Therefore you and I would have to die in sin.

But Christ's plan was to give the whole gospel to every person of every nation in every age of the world. Selfish and stingy indeed is that man who wants to be saved himself, but does not care that others are lost? Is such a person really a Christian? I leave the answer to you.

The Bible's entire message is a message of missions. "Ye shall be my witnesses", says Jesus, "both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The last clause of this verse is our marching orders for foreign missions.

Will God hold us guiltless if we let the heathen die without gospel?

If we are to advance the cause of foreign missions, three things are necessary: (1) We must believe in it with all our heart; (2) We must pray for it; (3) We must give liberally for its support.

But what is the truth about the whole matter? Countless members who profess to be Christians have never given a dollar for foreign missions in all their lives. And thousands of others have money in plenty for other things; yet they give very little or nothing to this greatest of all causes.

But what a change a few years will bring! A few more years, and all of us will be in the grave, and all our money will be left behind. How are we going to face Almighty God after we have let men die without the gospel simply because we have loved our dollars a little too well? But we still have a chance to give to this great cause. May God help us to rightly use that chance.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. C. Lunsford

The report was discussed by Rev. M. C. Lunsford and adopted.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your committee, recommend for the Executive Board, L. W. Jacobs, C. E. Locklear, W. D. Oxendine, J. L. Carter and W. G. Revels.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. G. Hunt

L. A. Maynor

E. V. Hunt

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On motion, they that were recommended by the committee were elected.

The Association adjourned with benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association reassembled and after song service, was led in prayer by the Moderator.

The roll of delegates was called.

The report of Relief of Aged Ministers was presented by Rev. M. C. Lunsford.

RELIEF OF AGED MINISTERS

Scattered throughout the world—with even a few in the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association—are thousands of aged and infirm ministers who have no income, who are too old or too ill to work. Many of them have given the best years of their life in the services of the churches! but instead of getting a living from the churches served, they have been handed a mere pittance. But that is not the worst of it. Now that they are too old to serve the churches longer, they, in many cases, are left to starve or die paupers.

But Southern Baptists decided some years ago to endure this condition no longer. Therefore under the leadership of the late lamented Dr. William Lunsford, the Relief and Annuity Board of the S. B. C. was organized at Dallas, Texas. Since the death of Dr. Lunsford, Dr. Thomas J. Watts has become the Board's able secretary, and is doing all in his power to carry on.

Are you a friend to the aged ministers? Do you wish to help them in this most critical and trying time of their life? Then give regularly and liberally to the Co-operative Program in your churches, because part of every dollar given goes to aid these old soldiers of the Cross. Our pastors are also urged to aid this work by lending a strong hand and a willing heart in the aid of the every-member canvass and the Co-operative Program in all our churches.

M. C. Lunsford, for the Committee.

The report was discussed by Rev. M. C. Lunsford and adopted.

The report on Prayer meeting was read by Bro. C. A. Sampson.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

In order to reap the true benefits of prayer, we should first know what prayer really is. As the poet renders:

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Prayer is the soul's sincere desire

Unuttered or expressed.

The motion of a hidden fire,

That trembles in the breast.

Just as the means of communication is one of the most important elements in the development of the industrial world, so prayer is a most important element in the development of the Spiritual kingdom. For it is only through prayer that we can talk to God. And it is only through faith that the spiritual blessings come to us. God in his infinite power has made it possible for us to walk with Him in faith, and converse with Him in prayer and supplication. Prayer is the key to Heaven's gate, it is the staff on which we lean, and it is one of the greatest essentials to Christian growth.

Let us note for a moment the lives of some of the old Patriarchs or Bible characters, how much faith they had in prayer. Daniel, for instance, that great man of God who purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat. And when he was thrown into the lion's den for his obedience to God it was through that prayerful life that he touched the heavenly throne and the protecting Angel administered unto him.

How we love to think of Paul and Silas, those men of God who in the hour of trouble could lift their voices to God in songs of praise and prayers of thankfulness; and how God in His great power reached down and shook that old Philippine jail and caused them to be set free.

It was through that longing desire or prayerful heart that the Hebrew children were able to look to God for deliverance from the fiery furnace. He immediately came to their relief and brought them out unharmed.

It was through prayers of a faithful mother that Moses was saved from the hands of his enemy and chosen leader of the Israelites, to bring them out of bondage.

Now dear hearers, can we trust in God? Can we abide in His love? John the Beloved Disciple said in chapter fifteen and seventh verse of his writing, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Oh what a precious promise! Grant that you, reader, will catch a glimpse of that higher and nobler life which can only be reached through prayer.

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Let us remember too that the growth of our church depends largely upon the spirit of prayer that exists among its members. May we seek to do the will of God, which is, Pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claude A. Sampson, Com.

The report was discussed by Claude A. Sampson and adopted.

The report on State Missions was presented by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

We are coming to the season when we need more money to carry on this work. The best churches in the state were at one time helped by the State Mission Board. The foundation has been well laid, yet the big siege guns are turned on. If we shall be faithful, victory is ours.

Missions are God's means of extending His kingdom to the uttermost parts of the earth, in this age of the world, and is based on love. It was love that moved God to give His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We recommend that our association do its best for State Missions.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. G. Hunt, Com.

After discussion by Rev. W. G. Hunt the report was adopted.

The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Bulah Smith.

WOMAN'S WORK

The annual session of the W. M. U. of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association was held with Antioch Baptist Church on Thursday, Sept. 21, 1933. The morning session convened at 10 o'clock, with Mrs. M. C. Lunsford, Supt. presiding. The opening devotion was conducted by Mrs. Maggie Locklear. Mrs. L. C. Thomas gave the morning greeting. Reports were made by officers and leaders. Visitors were recognized, among whom was Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Cor. Sec. of the W. M. U. of N. C. Also Mrs. J. B. Boatwright, Pres. of the W. M. U. of S. C. Both of these ladies brought inspiring addresses.

The fundamentals of the W. M. U. were discussed as follows: Prayer, Mrs. Bell; Enlistment, Miss Leota Hunt; Mission Study, Mrs. Rose Carter; Personal Service, Mrs. Edna R. Harris; Stewardship, Miss Anna Mae Locklear; Young People, or Christian Education, Mrs. J. C. Revels.

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At the noon hour a bounteous dinner was served by the women of Antioch church. The afternoon session was opened with devotions by Mrs. Roscoe Locklear. The women of Antioch church gave a playlet, "A Bag Full of Suggestion." Talks on Africa and Europe by the women of Mt. Elim and Mt. Airy churches. Officers were all re-elected with the addition of Miss Bertie Thomas as Assistant Supt. Adjourned to meet with Bethel Hill Baptist Church, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in Sept., 1934.

Mrs. M. C. Lunsford, Supt.

The report was discussed by Mrs. M. C. Lunsford and adopted.

The report on Young People's Work was read by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Once there was an old woman 97 years of age, "Husband", she said, "Is it getting night?" and her aged husband by her side, realizing that she was dying, bent down close to her and said, "Yes, it is getting night." She was wandering a bit and was back in the olden days with her loved ones, but he knew that the end was near. She was still a moment and then said, "Are the boys all in?" "Yes," he said "the boys are all in," for he knew their last one had gone on three years before. The Woman's Missionary Union of the Burnt Swamp Association cannot say that their boys and girls are all in missionary organizations. There are so many boys and girls that are being reared up without a Young People's organization of any kind. One of the disappointments that we have is leaders. It seems impossible to get leaders who are willing to sacrifice some of their time for the works of God.

We held our first annual meeting of the Young People at Berea church, in June, with a good attendance. Five Sunbeam bands represented; five G. A.; three R. A.; one Y. W. A. The stewardship contest for the annual meeting. The winners: Sunbeam—Lant Hatcher, Berea; G. A.—Bertie Lee Hammonds—Ten Mile Center; R. A.—Raymond Clark—Berea. Many congratulations to these young people that they may go on and become faithful workers in the service of the Lord.

Let each one of us place more emphasis on our work with our young people.

May we resolve to strive even more earnestly during another year to get every boy and girl interested in a missionary organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. J. C. Revels

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After discussion by Rev. L. W. Jacobs the report was adopted.

Rev. L. W. Jacobs preached the Missionary sermon. Text: St. Mark, 16 ch., 15v. Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

The association adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service was conducted by Bro. T. C. Cummings.

The association was led in prayer by Bro. Morine Jacobs.

On motion Rev. R. B. Jacobs was appointed Circulating Librarian.

The report on Christian Education was presented by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian education means training for Christian living and service.

The Great Master Teacher said to a little band of fishermen one day: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately forsook their nets and followed him.

For three years they were under his personal tutorship and leadership, training to be fishers of men.

Then when Jesus had finished his earthly career, and knew that this little band were thoroughly trained for their task in life he said to them, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always, even unto the end."

First Jesus said, "Come unto me", then he said, "Learn of me"; later he said, "Go".

Jesus is no longer here in person to train us for Christian living and service but his agents are here.

We have our Seminaries and denominational schools headed by inspired men and women of God who are longing for a chance to teach the wonderful things of God.

Then too those of us who can't go to our higher institutions of training, God has opened in every community an institution in the form of a Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., R. A., G. A., W. M. U. and others. So none need plead ignorance nor that we don't have a chance "For all things are yours."

The church today is calling for trained men as leaders to take this great work in hand and lead us on to higher ground.

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep, Feed my lambs."

Paul said, "Study to show yourself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

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The report was discussed by Rev. C. E. Locklear and adopted.
The report on B. Y. P. U. was read by Bro. W. G. Revels.

WHAT A B. Y. P. U. MEANS TO A CHURCH

Thinking of our churches, we hear the Apostle Paul saying to the young man Timothy, as he speaks of the youth's relationship to the church. "The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth (Timothy 3:15)." Paul speaks to us of the marvelous functions of the church, speaking while his eyes rest upon a Corinthian monument. The church is to support, to hold up Christ in the world.

What a responsibility the church has! In such a task what does the B. Y. P. U. mean to a church? What has the B. Y. P. U. meant to members of the church? A B. Y. P. U. department within the church means that our church will have contact with more of its members and that they will be enlisted for service.

B. Y. P. U. means larger evening services. No church can become an effective soul winning, character building church unless there is loyalty to its preaching services. Our B. Y. P. U. appeals for loyalty here.

B. Y. P. U. means discovery and enlistment of workers. It has meant to churches, the discovery and the enlistment of leaders and workers for every department of the church.

B. Y. P. U. means Doctrinal Conviction.

B. Y. P. U. contributes to Doctrinal conviction, and Denominational loyalty to the church.

B. Y. P. U. means Consecration to our church.

It isn't necessary to say, having said these other things, that B. Y. P. U. means to the church more consecrated membership and deeper spirituality. Perhaps the greatest of the churches to-day is a real re-consecration of life on the part of their members. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world," and light is only effective in lighting when it is concentrated. If it becomes diffused and scattered or mingled with darkness, its power is gone. A declaration we set apart for service of God, a great separation for his use, is our need.

Helping our churches toward this, our Baptist Young People are making great contribution, as they group themselves in Unions, make their devotion studies, lift their hearts in united prayers, allow the church to guide their social life, and throw themselves into battle for Christ.

There is great challenge in B. Y. P. U. A challenge to our young people, and to our churches. Through our best organizations of the church we come to appreciate the privileges of the Church, membership, and are prepared for service. B. Y. P. U. means that our churches are able to use young Christians in functions for Christ, while serving as the pillar and ground of truth.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. G. Revels.

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May we preachers and teachers follow his instruction and see our denomination grow.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. E. Locklear.

After discussion by Bro. Revels the report was adopted.

The report on Religious Literature was read by Rev. L. A. Maynor.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

If there ever was a time when we should study and teach Religious literature it is in this age when the nations are so inclined to draw back and forget God. In all history there never has been so much printed matter as is coming from the press today. A large part of this stuff is worthless, much of it is vicious, dangerous, devilish. Parents are responsible to a great extent for what kind of literature their children read. Therefore, let us place within their reach such as will help to lead them to Christ.

Helpless children of parents who care not what kind of periodicals they read are treading a dangerous path. A road that leads to confusion, ruin and death. Your committee urges parents to provide for their children copies of the New Testament and encourage that they read the same. Also provide for them at least one or two religious periodicals such as the Biblical Recorder, Christian Herald, Charity and Children, etc.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. A. Maynor

After discussion by Rev. L. A. Maynor, report was adopted.

W. D. Oxendine gave a brief History of The Burnt Swamp Association from its organization in January 1881 to 1932.

The Finance Committee report: We, your committee, report paid in to this association \$85.42.

Respectfully Submitteed
C. E. Locklear
L. A. Maynor

The report of the program committee:

PROGRAM 1934

10:00 Devotional Pete Locklear
10:15 Roll Call and Delegates Recorded.
10:45 Digest of Letters.
11:00 Sermon Rev. L. W. Jacobs, Alternate J. R. Chavis
12:00 Noon Recess and Dinner
1:00 Devotional E. G. Smith
1:15 Sunday Schools Albert Hammonds

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1:30 Orphanage	Mrs. S. A. Hammonds
1:45 B. Y. P. U.	Lacy Maynor
2:00 Prayer Meetings	E. R. Cummings
2:15 Temperance	J. O. Brooks
2:30 Religious Literature	Mrs. Rose Carter
2:45 Music	Burnt Swamp Quartette
3:00 Adjourn	

Night Session

7:00 Missionary Sermon	Rev. R. B. Jacobs
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Second Day

9:30 Devotional	Rev. J. E. Hammonds
9:45 Relief of Aged Ministers	N. R. Morgan
10:00 Stewardship and Every-Member Canvass	Rev. C. E. Locklear
10:30 Report on Missions:	
(1) State Missions	Rev. Purcell Locklear
(2) Home Missions	Rev. L. A. Maynor
(3) Foreign Missions	Geo. W. Locklear
11:15 W. M. U.	Mrs. M. C. Lunsford
(1) Young People's Work	Mrs. J. C. Revels
11:45 Music	Mt. Olive Quartette
12:00 Noon Recess and Dinner	
1:00 Devotional	Neil Morgan
1:15 Christian Education	Jas. E. Chavis
1:30 Historian's Report	W. D. Oxendine
1:45 Report on Condition of Our Churches With Recommendations	
	Dawley Maynor
2:00 One Minute Talks from a Delegate from Each Church	
2:30 Adjourn	

Pete Brooks
J. L. Carter
M. C. Lunsford

The report was received.

The treasurer made his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Had on hand 1932	\$366.48
Received from association	66.91
Received from unions	64.00
Received from rent of land	12.00
Total	\$509.39
Disbursements:	
Paid for minutes	\$66.00
Paid to clerk	25.00
Paid for insurance	12.00

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Paid for orphanage	40.00
Paid union clerk	4.00
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Total	\$147.00
Balance on hand	\$362.89

L. W. Jacobs

Treasurer.

By motion was received.

By motion the clerk be paid \$25.00 for his services.

By motion he have 800 copies of the minutes printed.

By motion the treasurer of the association pay the insurance on Berea church.

IN MEMORIAM

Reedy Branch

Deacon W. M. Freeman

Mr. J. W. Biggs

Miss Lancy Hunt

Miss Malinda Hunt

Union

Mr. Eli Jacobs

Bethel Hill

Deacon S. P. Brewington

Miss Rhoda Revels

Mt. Elim

Mrs. Mary Bell Tyler

Harpers Ferry

Mrs. John Dial

Mt. Olive

Mrs. Mazinnie Revels

Oak Grove

Deacon Alten Clark

Mt. Airy

Deacon R. T. Cummings

Mr. J. H. Haggins

Miss Caroline Locklear

Burnt Swamp

Mrs. Parrie Locklear

First Baptist

Mr. Peter Chavis

Mt. Moriah

Mrs. Dock Hunt

Respectfully Submitted,

W. G. Hunt

L. A. Maynor

Committee

On motion a vote of thanks was extended Piney Grove church for their hospitality.

On motion we stand adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

Rev. S. A. Hammonds

Moderator

W. D. Oxendine

Clerk

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., OF BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	In Village V., Town T., City C., County O.	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	
					GAINS						LOSSES								TOTAL Members
					Members Reported Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths						
Antioch	O	1900	W. G. Hunt, St. Paul, 1	2	110	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	112	1	4	1		
Bear Swamp	O	1880	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	1	119	1	1	1	2	4	1	4	1	121	1	4	1		
Berea	T	1925	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	Every	76	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	77	1	2	1		
Bethany	O	1919	W. G. Hunt, St. Paul, 1	1	121	35	3	3	1	4	1	1	1	160	1	4	1		
Burnt Swamp	O	1870	P. F. Locklear, Lumberton	3	73	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	1	1	1		
Cedar Grove	T	1930	C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	2	47	6	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	61	1	1	1		
Deep Branch	O	1912	J. E. Hunt, Fairmont	1	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	1	3	1		
First Baptist	T	1912	C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	4	52	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	55	1	1	1		
Gray Pond	O	1880	C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	3	104	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	106	1	4	1		
Harper's Ferry	O	1915	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	4	164	4	1	1	1	1	6	9	3	152	1	4	1		
Hickory Grove	O	1924	Geo. Chavis, Red Springs	3	78	3	1	1	3	1	4	4	1	76	1	4	1		
Mount Airy	O	1906	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	2	148	3	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	145	1	4	1		
Mount Elm	O	1886	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	2	134	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	138	1	4	1		
Mount Moriah	O	1906	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	1	87	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	88	1	4	1		
Mount Olive	O	1897	D. D. Locklear, Laurinburg, 5	3	104	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	108	2	2	1		
Oak Grove	O	1902	R. B. Jacobs, Pembroke	2-4	75	2	6	6	3	9	2	5	4	76	1	2	1		
Piney Grove	O	1902	C. E. Locklear, Pembroke	1-3	314	2	1	1	1	2	3	12	3	309	1	2	1		
Pleasant View	O	1922	W. G. Hunt, St. Paul, 1	3	89	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	1	81	1	3	1		
Reedy Branch	O	1926	L. W. Jacobs, Pembroke	4	58	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	61	1	3	1		
Smyrna	O	1926	L. A. Maynor, Buie	2-4	25	14	1	1	8	4	2	1	1	24	1	4	1		
Ten Mile Center	O		L. A. Maynor, Buie	4	49	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	1	4	1		
Union	O		L. R. Chavis, Pembroke	4															
Zion Hill	O		Z.																

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES		SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION									
			SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION									
			Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Total Enrollment— Including Officers, Teachers and Pupils	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Have you a Missions Sunday School?	Enrollment of Missions Sunday School	Did you hold a Daily Vacation Bible School	Enrollment Daily Vacation School	Average Attendance Daily Vacation School
In Village V., Town T., City C., County O.																						
Antioch			10	7	7	17	16	20	18			95	60	Yes								
Bear Swamp			9	10	4	8	9	10	11			62	35									
Berea			10	5	10	15	18	30	12			100	65	Yes								
Bethany																						
Bethel Hill			10	21	15	21	18	25	22			132	70	Yes								
Burnt Swamp			7	5	13	14	16	18	10	6	2	93	72	Yes								
Cedar Grove			8	9	13	20	18	20	35			123	61	Yes								
Deep Branch												55	55									
First Baptist			8	13		14	5	8	18			67	40	Yes								
Gray Pond												45	45									
Harper's Ferry			7	19		9	9	24	18			86	68	Yes								
Hickory Grove																						
Mount Airy			10	21	15	14	13	41	32			146	95	Yes								
Mount Elm			8	8		10	9	11	13	11		70	40	Yes								
Mount Moriah												148	148	Yes								
Mount Olive			12	15	15	27	18	55	40			138	75	Yes								
Oak Grove			7		11	15	12	18	12			75	49	Yes								
Piney Grove												67	28									
Pleasant View			5	10	15				30			85	30	Yes								
Reedy Branch			6									160	95	Yes								
Smyrna			9	5	14	14		29	8			79	70	Yes								
Ten Mile Center			8	8	14	10	8	8	11	8		59	40	Yes								
Union			8	6	10	10	8	6	6	5		59	30									
Wagon Hill												35	35									
Zion Hill												2	2									
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TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY OF BURN'T SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK											
		Pastor's Salaries	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total Given by Church	Total Given by All W. M. U. Organizations	Total Given by the Sunday School	Grand Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations
Antioch	Will Carter, St. Paul	40.00		4.90	3.00		21.75	3.00	3.00	14.45	90.30		90.30
Bear Swamp	Lacy Cummings, P'oke	26.85			50.00		10.00	5.02	10.80		95.26		103.14
Berea	W. G. Revels	40.00		5.00	101.72		26.00	15.00			60.00	28.00	216.72
Bethany	E. J. Emmanuel, L'berton	53.50		6.00			29.30	21.41	5.00		86.04	20.30	130.44
Burnt Swamp	W. H. Locklear, L'berton	56.00		35.00			12.00	2.50	2.15		143.09		143.09
Cedar Grove	Carl Clark, Lumberton	60.00			100.00	28.75	26.85	6.50	5.00				134.10
Deep Branch													
First Baptist	W. H. Godwin, Pembroke	35.00		5.00			15.00		3.00		58.00		58.00
Gray Pond		25.00											
Harper's Ferry	A. N. Locklear, Pembroke	30.00					26.00				56.00		56.00
Hickory Grove													
Mount Airy	87.90			13.00	20.00		26.53	21.00	6.05		194.48		194.48
Mount Elm	C. L. Oxendine, R. Sp'gs 3	12.00		3.50			9.64		5.00	9.50	27.64		27.64
Mount Moriah		100.00											
Mount Olive	Geo. L. Locklear, L'berton	50.00		8.44			29.50	7.75	7.00	20.01	162.36		162.36
Oak Grove	D. A. Locklear, Lau'burg	30.00					12.91	2.60	3.00		96.95		96.95
Piney Grove		89.55		5.00			11.01	5.00	3.00		49.01		49.01
Pleasant View	A. G. Hunt, Fairmont	100.00							5.00		99.55		99.55
Reedy Branch					5.05						105.05		105.05
Smyrna	Doc Carter, Allenton	42.52		21.91			11.82		3.00		103.66		103.66
Ten Mile Center	W. W. Blanks, L'berton	41.53		27.40		2.50	10.88		4.00	4.00	111.71		111.71
Union	J. A. Lowry, L'berton	32.47		6.31	42.50		8.25		2.00		42.72		42.72
Union Hill	W. M. Jackson, Rennett	20.37					6.00				25.37		25.37

TABLE VI—B. Y. P. U.'S OF BURNT SWAMP ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK														
	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Number Taking B. Y. P. U. Study Course	Total Number Daily Bible Readers	Total Systematic Givers in All Unions	Students in Colleges from your Church
Berea	1	1		1	3			18	20	12	50	32	25	5	
Cedar Grove								64				9		7	

TABLE VII—WOMAN'S WORK BURNT SWAMP ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Number of Woman's Missionary Societies		Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses
Antioch	1					1	2	25				20	45	25
Bear Swamp	1			1	1	1	4	7			6	15	40	25
Berea	1	1			1	1	5	15	10	12		15	57	10
Bethel Hill	1		1			1	3	18		12		20	50	12
Burnt Swamp	1					1	2	18				25	43	30
Cedar Grove	1	1		1	1	1	5	15	12	14	8	15	64	16
First Baptist	1		1	1	1	1	4	15		12	8	18	53	30
Harper's Ferry	1					1	1	12					12	13
Mount Airy	1			1	1	1	3	15			10	25	50	25
Mount Elin	1		1			1	3	5		6		7	19	5
Mount Moriah	1					1	1	20					20	15
Mount Olive	1					1	2	20				30	50	17
Pleasant View	1					1	1	18					18	6
Reedy Branch	1	1				1	2	16	20				36	
Smyrna	1					1	2	18				40	58	18
Ten Mile Center	1					1	2	15				15	30	15

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

OFFICERS

S. A. Hammonds, Moderator	Lumberton
W. D. Oxendine, Clerk	Buies

EXECUTIVE BOARD

L. W. Jacobs	Pembroke
W. D. Oxendine	Buies
C. E. Locklear	Pembroke
W. G. Revels	Pembroke
J. C. Carter	Buies

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J. E. Hunt	Fairmont
W. G. Hunt	St. Pauls
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J. C. Clark	Fairmont
S. A. Hammonds	Lumberton
T. H. Hammonds	Lumberton
Wesley Huggins	Fairmont
W. J. Sampson	Lumberton

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J. D. Locklear	Buies
Chesley Maynor	Buies
A. G. Hunt	Fairmont
Persel Locklear	Pembroke
Hugh Smith	Lumberton
R. Sampson	Pembroke
Haywood Sanderson	Pembroke
D. Maynor	Pembroke
J. A. Wilkins	Pembroke

LIST OF DELEGATES

- ANTIOCH—W. O. Maynor, Will Carter, E. G. Smith.
BEAR SWAMP—M. N. Jacobs, Odum Barton, W. J. Jacobs.
BEREA—S. V. Hunter, W. G. Revels, Birtie Thomas.
BETHEL HILL—J. E. Hammonds, J. L. Hammonds, S. J. Emanuel.
BURNT SWAMP—Wheeler Tyner, J. M. Locklear.
CEDAR GROVE—J. W. Sampson, Chesley Hammonds, H. A. Locklear.
FIRST BAPTIST—H. A. Morgan, W. H. Godwin, Grada Homes.
GRAY POND—Anguish Chavis, Rosevelt Dun, B. Chavis.
HICKORY GROVE—Not represented.
OAK GROVE—W. D. Locklear, David Clark, Jimmie Locklear.
PINEY GROVE—Sister Phelial Hunt, W. O. Hammonds, Berrie Hunt.
REEDY BRANCH—H. N. Jacobs, Osker Chavis, Lacy Hunt.
SMYRNA—James P. Fields, Fred Johnson, Dock Porter.
TEN MILE CENTER—J. C. Bell, Pete Locklear, J. C. Revels.
HARPERS FERRY—Albert Locklear, Dock Locklear, Nellie Brooks.
MT. AIRY—R. D. Locklear, G. W. Locklear, C. H. Maynor.

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MT. ELIM—Bruce Oxendine, R. L. Cummings, C. L. Oxendine.

MT. MORIAH—G. Locklear, Kinnie Smith, A. L. Hunt.

MT. OLIVE—S. M. Bell, Tomie Chavis, Thurman Locklear.

PLEASANT VIEW—Not represented.

DEEP BRANCH—Robert Sampson, James Sampson, Dock
Oxendine.

UNION—Carlie Jacobs, J. R. Strickland, Clifton Oxendine.

ZION HILL—Not represented.

PROGRAM FOR 1935

10:00 a.m.	Devotional	Roosevelt Thompson
10:15 a.m.	Roll Call and Delegates Recorded.	
10:45 a.m.	Digest of Letters.	
11:00 a.m.	Sermon	Rev. George Chavis
12:00 m.	Noon Recess and Dinner.	
1:00 p.m.	Devotional	Rev. Chesley Maynor
1:15 p.m.	Organization.	
1:30 p.m.	Sunday Schools	Rev. Dawley Maynor
1:45 p.m.	B. Y. P. U.	Mrs. Quinnie Hunt
2:00 p.m.	Prayer Meetings	Albert Hammonds
2:15 p.m.	Temperance	Rev. J. E. Hunt
2:30 p.m.	Religious Literature	Prof. Clifton Oxendine
2:45 p.m.	Orphanage	Mrs. Norma Chavis
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn.	

Night Session

7:00 p.m.	Missionary Sermon	Rev. L. A. Maynor
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SECOND DAY

9:30 a.m.	Devotional	W. O. Maynor
9:45 a.m.	Relief of Aged Ministers	Rev. T. H. Hammonds
10:00 a.m.	Stewardship and Every-Member Enrollment—	Rev. L. W. Jacobs.
10:30 a.m.	Report on Missions:	
	(1) State Missions	John L. Carter
	(2) Home Missions	E. G. Smith
	(3) Foreign Missions	W. G. Revels
11:15 a.m.	W. M. U.	Mrs. M. C. Lunsford
	Young People's Work	Mrs. J. C. Revels
11:45 a.m.	Music	Burnt Swamp and Mt. Olive Choirs
12:00 m.	Noon Recess and Dinner.	
1:00 p.m.	Devotional	Rev. Z. R. Chavis
1:15 p.m.	Chroistian Education	Miss Bertie Thomas
1:30 p.m.	Historian's Report	W. D. Oxendine
1:45 p.m.	Report on Condition of Our Churches with Recommendations	George W. Locklear
2:00 p.m.	One-Minute Talks From a Delegate from Each Church.	
2:30 p.m.	Adjourn.	

Respectfully submitted,
M. C. LUNSFORD,
W. G. HUNT,
OZRO HAMMONDS,
Program Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met in its fiftyseventh annual session with Ten Mile Center Church, November 1, 1933. Prayer service was conducted by Brother Pete Brooks.

Rev. S. A. Hammonds read the third chapter of I John.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. G. Hunt. The roll of churches was called and a majority found present.

The roll of delegates was called. Rev. R. B. Jacobs and Rev. W. J. Sampson were appointed on the Finance Committee.

By motion the annual election of officers was taken up.

On motion Rev. S. A. Hammonds was re-elected Moderator.

On motion W. D. Oxendine was re-elected Clerk.

On motion Rev. L. W. Jacobs was re-elected Treasurer and Reading Clerk.

On motion L. W. Jacobs, W. D. Oxendine, C. E. Locklear, W. G. Revels and J. L. Carter were re-elected on the Executive Board.

On motion Osro Hammonds, M. C. Lunsford and W. G. Hunt were appointed on Program Committee.

On motion R. B. Jacobs and L. A. Maynor were appointed on Obituary Committee.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. L. W. Jacobs. Text: Matt. 5:11.

Prayer by Rev. C. H. Bell.

On motion we call off for noon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service was conducted by Brother E. G. Smith.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for business and extended an invitation to newly-constituted churches and visiting brethren.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Brother Albert Hammonds.

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REPORT ON. SUNDAY SCHOOLS

What is Sunday School? Sunday School is an organization which trains for service. Next to the home this organization is the greatest training service in our state. It is the place where we can meet each Sabbath morning, and enjoy God's Word, and get training in the work of building God's Kingdom. It is the medium through which we help each other in the rearing of children. The influence of Sunday School is two fold. The direct influence on the pupils in moulding and forming their minds, and the indirect influence through the children on their parents, and household, and their associates. The religious instruction and training in household and the church is too little understood and appreciated. The character and influence for good or evil in subsequent life depends chiefly on the morals and religious training in childhood. Divine Wisdom has provided for this and enjoin that these words which I command you this day, shall be in their hearts. Thou shall teach diligently thy children, and shall talk to them when thou sittest in thy house and when thou liest down, and when thou riseth up. The Sunday School is the channel through which many Christians have come to Christ. If it wasn't for Sunday School what would our churches be?

During the year ahead let us not cease our activities in the Sunday School field. There are myriads of people without Christ. Hundreds of thousands are unchurched in North Carolina. Evil is abroad in the land and I urge our churches to seize upon this Bible teaching agency in mighty fashion and bring it to a point of educational and evangelistic efficiency that will enable us to meet adequately and wisely the religious emergency confronting our state at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT HAMMONDS.

The report was discussed by Brother Albert Hammonds and then adopted.

The report on Orphanage was read by Mrs. S. A. Hammonds.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

We are still talking Orphanage, but not doing anything about it. It is high time we do something, or else quit talking about Orphanage. We, as Christians, know our duty. Let's get together and do something.

We could create an Orphanage fund by asking each church to donate something each month to the fund. In that way we could, in a year or two, raise enough to build an orphanage home; then we could

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care for our helpless children that are left without father or mother, which is our duty as Christians to do. Why not get together and clear a nice little farm on the land Mr. Odom gave our Association, build an Orphanage home on it, place a good Christian man and woman in charge of it, and let the children work part time, and go to school part time? Let the Burnt Swamp Association back the farm project, and in a few years the farm would be largely self-supporting.

While plans for an Orphanage plant of our own are being pushed forward, we can provide a Mother's Aid fund to help care for fatherless and orphaned children in suitable homes among our own Indian people. We believe the Mills Home at Thomasville will aid us in the proper solution of this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. A. HAMMONDS.

The report was discussed by Mrs. S. A. Hammonds, Rev. M. C. Lunsford and Rev. L. W. Jacobs, and then was adopted.

The report on Prayer Meeting was read by Brother S. R. Cummings.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

Every church should have a weekly Prayer meeting.

We are sure that great Spiritual loss comes to any church that neglects this part of its worship.

Prayer meeting is the spiritual power of the church.

Prayer is the Key to heaven's gate.

We urge every church to have a weekly prayer meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. CUMMINGS.

The report was discussed by Brother E. R. Cummings and Rev. W. J. Sampson and then adopted.

The report on Religious Literature was read by Mrs. Rose Carter.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

This is an age when there is a great need for the study and correct teaching of Religious Literature.

Most histories have been histories of kings and emperors. The daily life of common people, their joys and sorrows, their hopes, achievements and ideals, have been buried and long since forgotten. The historical narratives of the Bible are, indeed, to a great extent, an

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exception to this rule. They tell us much about the everyday life of peasants and slaves. Its supreme hero was a peasant working man. It is these great characters that we find in the Bible that should be presented to the children instead of the worthless literature that we find in a good many homes.

This literature can be told in story form at home to the little children even before they are able to read. Then it should be followed with Bible stories as soon as they can read. By getting these great characters of the Bible pictured in their minds they will be trying to imitate them instead of trying to imitate some great bandit.

If this religious literature is kept away from the children they will be sure to fill their minds with worthless literature and grow up in it so strong that they will try to imitate the degrading characters that fill the leading roles in most of the literature which is on sale in public places where they will be sure to buy it.

If the children get this religious literature presented to them at home it will be easy for the Sunday School teacher to follow this up with further instructions as to what kind of literature they shall continue. It will be easy to show them the difference between the characters in the Bible who really lived and the fake ones of the public literature.

With the proper instruction at home, in Sunday School and everyday school the boys and girls will be prepared when they go to college to fortify themselves against the wrong teachings of their college professors who try to lead their pupils in the wrong direction.

The parents then should give early instruction and place within the reach of their children copies of Bible stories, Bible histories, New Testaments and one or two religious periodicals. Every one should remember the saying of Solomon, "Train up the child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROSE CARTER.

The report was discussed by Mrs. Rose Carter and then was adopted.

An offering was taken for Vincent Revels to the amount of \$10.32.

On motion we stand adjourned until 9:30 a. m., Friday.

Benediction by Rev. S. A. Hammonds.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

After devotional services the Moderator read the 14th chapter of St. John. Prayer by C. H. Maynor.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

The proceedings of Thursday were read and approved.

The roll of delegates was called.

The report on Relief of Aged Ministers was read by Rev. M. C. Lunsford.

REPORT ON RELIEF OF AGED MINISTERS

If a man should work a horse or an ox until it was no longer useful, and should then turn it out in the cold world to die without food or shelter, that man would be counted most heartless, mean and cruel. But are not some churches and some professed Christians doing that very thing for their aged ministers? It is a well-known fact that the average church no longer wants a man for pastor after he has grown old; hence when a minister reaches a certain age, he is usually dropped by the very church or churches that he has given his very life to help. Such treatment on the part of any church or individual is a great sin, unless they should make ample provision for the support of the man of God that they have turned out into the cold.

Our Southern Baptist Convention has provided a board for the relief of aged Baptist ministers. If all our churches will give liberally to the Co-operative Program, all our aged ministers will be cared for in that time of life when they must lean upon others for support.

We therefore urge that all the members of all our churches give each Sunday in envelopes, to the Co-operative Program. In that way all our aged ministers will be amply provided for.

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. MORGAN.

Report was discussed by Rev. M. C. Lunsford and others and then adopted.

Resolved, that each church take an offering for the relief of aged ministers the second Sunday in November.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. L. A. Maynor.

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REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

In 1845 there was organized a Domestic Mission Board with headquarters at Marion, Ala. Later the board was moved to Atlanta, Ga., and the name changed to Home Mission Board.

The work of Home Missions have ever been to win the people of this Southland of ours to Christ and then to the fellowship the church provides.

This department embodies to a great extent all the direct Mission work among the foreign speaking people, Indians, Negroes and the work of the larger cities.

Your committee regrets to say a great many of us are indifferent toward this great work which means so much to many people even including us of the Burnt Swamp Association who in the past have received some help in our work for Christ, from its funds.

One of the great needs of our Baptist people is correct missionary information. Our people will never give beyond their knowledge of the needs. If we give them the facts and press upon the importance of giving the Gospel to our own people and so far as we may to all the people of the world we believe the Baptist of the Burnt Swamp Association will respond.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MAYNOR.

The report was discussed by Rev. L. A. Maynor and Rev. L. W. Jacobs, and then adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Brother G. W. Locklear.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The word Mission means to go or carry.

The Savior did not limit the gospel to only his own home and people, but to every land and every people.

When he came he came to his own and his own received him not, but as many as would receive him he gave power to become the sons of God.

His great command was, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and into the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

Viewing this fact: Are we guiltless, if we heed not the call? Should we help send or carry the gospel to those who have never heard it?

If we are to encourage the call of missions, we must first hear the call to service. Then we will be willing to help send the gospel to other lands.

Therefore let us do all we can, that the lost of other lands may

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have the Gospel preached to them. Only a few more days and we shall go hence to receive our reward. Shall we receive a hearty welcome from the Master for having done something that others might hear about Christ the true Savior of the world?

Let's pray more and give more in the future for the spread of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. LOCKLEAR.

The report was discussed by Rev. George W. Locklear and then adopted.

Stewardship and every-member canvass was discussed by Rev. C. C. Locklear.

The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Lottie Chavis.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

"Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can show forth His praise?" With thanks unto Him for His mighty blessings upon us and our efforts for Him, we bring the report of the Burnt Swamp W. M. U. We have had many handicaps and problems, but our God has led us on, and a number of our women have labored faithfully and energetically. Through our achievements we rejoice. We rejoice in the fact that we met our financial aim last year.

We met with Bethel Hill church September 20, 1934. The meeting was well attended, and spiritual enthusiasm was evident throughout the meeting. The fundamentals of the W. M. U., which are prayer, personal service, mission study, Christian education and stewardship, were discussed by different members of the various churches. Many encouraging words were spoken by the brethren. Mount Olive church received the banner for the largest delegation present.

We thank God and take courage for what has been done, for Jehovah is our God.

Adjourned to meet with Harpers Ferry church, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. C. LUNSFORD, Supt.

The report was discussed by Mrs. Lottie Chavis and Miss Vir-die Thomas and then adopted.

An offering for missions was taken to the amount of \$10.36
On motion we call off for noon.

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FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Devotional was conducted by Bro. G. W. Locklear.

The Moderator read the 8th chapter of Romans.

The report on Christian Education was read by Bro. James E. Chavis.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If I understand the definition of education, we the Christians of this enlightened day are falling far short of the expectations of our Master in trying to educate those whom we contact along the line of Christianity in precept and example. We are failing to even develop and cultivate its natural powers and to try and understand the logical inspirations, aspirations and operations of the soul.

First: We fail to cultivate those things that make the best Christians of the adults, humility, love, unselfishness, faithfulness and purity. The apostle Paul has well said in these words, "Study to show thy self approved of God." This can be done by study of the word of God and Bible helps. The Christian who is able to read is under obligation to teach, lead and guide those who are more unfortunate.

Second: The children are more neglected along this line while they are small. If the old adage is true, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," the mothers of our country are failing in their share of child education. The child learns more in the first seven years of its life, say child psychologists. If this is true the greater responsibility is solely on the parents. Then well said is the proverb, "Raise the child in the way you would have it go and when it is old it will not depart from it." To prove this all our arch criminals' straying away can be traced back to unthoughtful and neglecting parents. Not only this, but all of our outstanding Biblical characters can be, through their great work and devotion to God, traced back to their devout, consecrated and God-fearing mothers, as Moses, Samuel, Jacob, Joseph, David, and several more of the prophets; also John the Baptist and the apostle Paul and others. If the young mothers of our country could be persuaded to read the first, second and third chapters of first Samuel and see the picture given there of a devout mother and what she gave to her nation and people through her son, I believe they would understand what a great responsibility rests on them.

The start can be given to the children through the mothers. Then see that it is kept up in the school, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and church organizations and never leave the motto: "To abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good." I believe the young man or woman raised in this manner cannot fail to grasp the higher inspira-

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tions of the soul. We will be sure to have a higher, unselfish and more consecrated Christianity. It will not be so hard to comply with the Master's wishes and become as little children.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. CHAVIS.

The report on Young People's Work was read by Miss Virdie Thomas.

REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

You have often heard the old slogan, "When you are doing well enough let well enough alone."

We have in the Burnt Swamp Association church members who still hold to that slogan. They think that they are doing well enough without the different organizations therefore they want to let well enough alone. But we want to begin now to train our children to do the will of our Master, therefore, the Woman's Missionary Union strives to lead them in the paths of righteousness through these graded Missionary organizations.

Our greatest drawback in our entire Association is the lack of Christian leaders, someone who is willing to take charge of the different organizations and say "By the help of God, I'm willing to do my best."

We should place more emphasis on our Young people's Work.

We held our second annual meeting of the young people at Berea church Friday, July 6, 1934. Twelve organizations were present with splendid representations.

Miss Vernie Hunt was appointed secretary for the ensuing year.

In the afternoon a stewardship contest was held. The winners were as follows:

Y. W. A.—Miss Anna Mae Locklear.

G. A.—Katharene Brooks.

S. B.—Dora Pearl Oxendine.

One of the most beautiful pictures in our Lord's brief ministry was when he blessed the little children. There can be no greater motive than to train a group of young people in the service of God.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. REVEL.

The report was discussed by Mrs. M. C. Lunsford and adopted.

The report on condition of our churches, with recommendation was read by Bro. Dawley Maynor.

REPORT ON CONDITIONS OF OUR CHURCHES
WITH RECOMMENDATIONS

Bear Swamp has made most excellent improvements during the year. She now has one of the best houses of worship in the Association. Mount Olive, Mount Moriah, and Ten Mile Center have also made needed improvements. But many houses of worship are in serious need of repair. Some churches should exchange their coal heaters for good wood stoves.

Some of our churches have had fairly good revival meetings, but in others the success has been poor. There seems to be a lack of interest on the part of the many, and a very low spirituality as a result. The habit of always being late, and not beginning Sunday School, preaching and other services on time is a custom that is working great damage in all our churches, and is becoming a real curse and a church killer.

Another curse in most of our churches is bad financing. Many of our deacons and some of our preachers are against the Co-operative Program. It is very hard to put on the every-member enrollment in some churches, and in no church has the enlistment of all the members been completed.

We are also sorry to report that our Woman's Work has been given the black eye in some of our churches, and some of the pastors themselves have seemingly hindered it. We therefore make the following recommendations:

1. Daily Bible reading and family prayer in every home.
2. That needed repairs be made in all our church houses as early as possible, and especially the replacing of broken windows and the providing of better heating stoves where needed. Nothing adds to a service in winter like a warm house when the folks come together to worship.
3. That our ministers give more time and more serious study in the preparation of their sermons.
4. That each church maintain a prayer meeting, W. M. U., B. Y. P. U., G. A., R. A., and Sunbeam societies, and that leaders prepare themselves for this noble and needed work.
5. That each and every family subscribe for the Biblical Recorder at once. Until we read the Recorder, we will be largely ignorant of the great work that Baptists are doing in the world. Neither can we know how to do our best work for our Master's Kingdom. Which ought we prefer to be, ignorant Baptists or informed Baptists? Ignorance is a sin if we have opportunity to learn, but refuse.
6. Every church to carry out our Baptist program by putting on an every-member canvass.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWLEY MAYNOR.

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The report was discussed by Bro. Dawley Maynor and then adopted.

By motion the treasurer's report was received.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Had on hand, 1933.....	\$362.39
Received from Association.....	85.42
Received from Unions.....	76.00
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Total.....	\$523.81

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for Minutes.....	\$ 45.00
Paid to Clerk.....	25.00
Paid to Union Clerk.....	4.00
Paid for Insurance.....	22.80
For Orphanage benefit.....	25.00
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Total.....	\$121.80
Balance on hand.....	\$402.01

\$523.81

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. JACOBS, Treasurer.

The Finance Committee reported \$78.75 received for minutes fund.

A collection was taken for Mrs. Lucy Sampson for \$6.41 and for Haywood Sanderson, \$5.00.

Resolved that we tender a vote of thanks to the good people of Ten Mile Center Church and vicinity for the excellent entertainment and hospitality shown us during the sessions of this body.

On motion we stand adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

Rev. S. A. HAMMONDS, Mod.

W. D. OXENDINE, Clerk.

OUR DEAD

BEAR SWAMP

Deacon Matthew Jacobs
Dugal Cummings
Rose Ann Jones

PINEY GROVE

Miss Sarah Hunt
Deacon K. B. Hunt

ANTIOCH

Mrs. Orsis Wilkins
Miss Ella Woodle

DEEP BRANCH

Mrs. Nancy Oxendine

FIRST BAPTIST

Mrs. Rachel Sanderson

MT. MORIAH

Miss Luvina Tylar
Miss Lizer Locklear

HARPERS FERRY

Deacon A. N. Locklear
Mrs. Rose Ann Revels

REEDY BRANCH

John Jacobs
Deacon J. W. Hunt
J. C. Jacobs
Mrs. J. W. Huggins
Miss Hirrett Oxendine
Mrs. Line M. Hunt

MT. OLIVE

J. E. Dial

BETHEL HILL

Mrs. Annie Lowry

OAK GROVE

Deacon W. M. Pate
Miss M. B. Locklear
Miss Bettie Stricklin

CEDAR GROVE

Mrs. Eli Chavis

BEREA

Rev. J. C. Clark

PLEASANT VIEW

Jim Smith

Respectfully submitted,
REV. R. B. JACOBS,
REV. L. A. MAYNOR,
Committee.

TABLE I—Church Membership in the Association.

CHURCHES	Is It in a Village, City, or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP							F's R'cng S. B. P'r
			Days of Meeting	Gains					Losses					Total Members	Wkly P. Mt'gs	Revival Meetings	Lord's Spr Obs.			
				Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Deaths	Exclusions	Erasures								
1. Antioch	O	1900	2	110	3	2	1	2	1	2	3	113	*	1	3	1				
2. Bear Swamp	O	1880	1	130	5	2	1	1	2	3	1	129	*	2	4	3				
3. Berea	T	1925	Every	76	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	73	1	1	5				
4. Bethany	O	1919	1	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1				
5. Bethel Hill	O	1870	1	133	3	1	1	1	2	1	8	123	*	2	4	1				
6. Burnt Swamp	O	1870	2	73	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	76	*	2	1	1				
7. Cedar Grove	T	1930	2	58	1	1	1	4	1	1	4	58	*	1	4	1				
8. Deep Branch	O	1912	4	48	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	47	*	1	3	1				
9. First Baptist	O	1912	2	52	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	52	*	1	4	1				
10. Gray Pond	O	1880	4	104	9	2	1	1	2	4	4	108	*	1	4	1				
11. Harpers Ferry	O	1915	4	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	162	*	2	3	3				
12. Hickory Grove	O	1924	4	164	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	162	*	2	3	3				
13. Mt. Airy	O	1906	2	78	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	83	*	1	1	1				
14. Mt. Elm	O	1886	3	148	8	1	1	6	1	2	1	160	*	1	3	1				
15. Mt. Moriah	O	1906	2	134	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	134	*	1	4	1				
16. Mt. Olive	O	1897	1	87	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	81	*	1	4	1				
17. Oak Grove	O	1897	3	104	4	1	1	3	2	2	2	108	*	1	2	3				
18. Piney Grove	O	1902	2	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	*	1	1	1				
19. Pleasant View	O	1902	1	314	13	2	4	6	4	3	4	323	*	2	3	2				
20. Ready Branch	O	1922	3	88	18	2	5	7	7	106	1	2	*	1	2	1				
21. Smyrna	O	1922	3	58	2	1	2	2	2	1	59	3	1	1	2	1				
22. Ten Mile Center	O	1926	4	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	2	3	1	2	3				
23. Union	O	1926	2	53	4	5	2	2	2	4	4	60	*	1	4	1				
24. Zion Hill	O	1926	4	53	4	5	2	2	2	4	4	60	*	1	4	1				

*—Yes

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of the Association

CHURCHES		SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES										SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, ETC.									
		Beginners 3-5	Primaries 6-8	Juniors 9-12	Interms 13-16	Young People	Adults 25 Yrs. Up	Home Dept.	Offs and Trs	T. Em't Inc. O's	Thrs and P's	What is Your Avg Attendce	Is School Graded?	Thrs Holding Diplomas	Baptisms from Sunday School						
1. Antioch	E. G. Smith, Lumberton 1	71	31	16	22	23	20	101	100	65	..	..	..	..	..	
2. Bear Swamp	Peter Brooks, Buie 1	15	8	8	6	5	19	..	10	71	32	..	..	2	..				
3. Berea	W. G. Revels, Pembroke	8	8	7	4	21	10	..	7	65	46	..	..	1	..				
4. Bethany	Ira Holmes, Lumberton	10	10	10	10	5	10	..	5	60	50	..	..	..	..		
5. Bethel Hill	D. L. Lowry, Lumberton 2	21	16	9	18	26	22	..	10	122	82	..	..	..	..		
6. Burnt Swamp	G. V. McNeil, Lumberton R	16	20	22	28	40	..	..	7	100	70	..	..	..	..		
7. Cedar Grove	John W. Sampson, Lumberton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	134	56	..	..	3	1
8. Deep Branch	Robt. Sampson, Lumberton	15	10	6	10	15	..	..	5	46	35	..	..	..	2	
9. First Baptist	W. H. Godwin, Pembroke	15	18	19	18	..	..	..	5	75	50	..	..	1	..	
10. Gray Pond	W. M. Chavis, Maxton 1	23	17	17	..	30	16	..	9	112	80	..	..	..	5			
11. Harpers Ferry	Boyd Oxendine, Maxton	..	10	16	17	32	43	..	12	130	80	..	..	4	1				
12. Hickory Grove	W. D. Oxendine, Lumberton R4	8	9	..	..	8	11	..	5	41	35	..	..	..	..		
13. Mt. Airy	C. L. Oxendine, Red Springs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	148	75	..	..	..	8
14. Mt. Elim	Eli Chavis	21	20	28	16	70	47	..	2	214	80	..	..	3	2				
15. Mt. Moriah	Loyd Locklear, Lumberton	12	17	10	18	14	..	..	6	77	48	..	..	..	1	
16. Mt. Olive	Henry Dunn, Laurinburg	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	67	30	..	..	..	5
17. Oak Grove	W. O. Hammond, Fairmont 1	10	15	..	..	..	30	..	5	60	40	..	..	..	1
18. Piney Grove	Elias Oxendine, Fairmont	40	30	29	40	35	35	25	10	244	175	..	..	..	13			
19. Pleasant View	Holden Jacobs, Lumberton 3	16	15	15	..	24	..	..	7	70	40	..	..	..	..		
20. Reedy Branch	Eddie Oxendine, Allenton	15	8	10	10	10	8	..	9	70	37	..	..	..	2			
21. Smyrna	Pete Locklear, Lumberton 1	13	8	8	..	..	..	..	4	33	20	..	..	..	..		
22. Ten Mile Center	Shelton Fields, Lumberton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	38	25	..	..	..	..		
23. Union	C. L. Locklear, Rennert						
24. Zion Hill						

* Yes.

TABLE IV—Gifts for Local Church Work.

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TABLE V—Gifts for Missions, Education and all Benevolences

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TABLE VI—The Young People's Work

CHURCHES	Gen. E. Y. P. U. Org?	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Seniors Enrolled	Int's Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	No. D. Bible R's	No. T'k'g St. Cse.	Sys'c. Givers	St'd'ts in College
1. Berea	1	1	1	3	40	20	10	70	30	10	10	1
2. Cedar Grove	1	1	1	3	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
3. Harpers Ferry	1	1	1	3	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
4. Mt. Airy	..	1	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* Has general organization.

TABLE VII—W. M. U. Work

	CHURCHES												Enrolled in Study Course
	No. W. M. S's	No. W. A's	No. G. A's	No. R. A's	No. Sunbeams	Total W. M. U's	W. M. S. Members	W. A. Mothers	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members		
1. Antioch	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	15	1	15	15	30	
2. Berea	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	8	10	2	15	26	
3. Bethel Hill	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	20	15	10	41	26	
4. Burnt Swamp	1	1	1	1	1	4	23	1	15	10	12	44	
5. Cedar Grove	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	10	1	15	28	25	
6. First Baptist	1	1	1	1	1	5	12	8	10	7	15	25	
7. Harpers Ferry	1	1	1	1	1	3	18	1	20	1	15	33	
8. Mt. Airy	1	1	1	1	1	4	10	1	8	14	15	47	
9. Mt. Elim	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	10	25	
10. Mt. Moriah	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	20	15	
11. Mt. Olive	1	1	1	1	1	4	16	1	15	15	20	66	
12. Pleasant View	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	15	10	
13. Reedy Branch	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	20	30	
14. Smyrna	1	1	1	1	1	2	20	1	1	15	35	34	
15. Ten Mile Center	1	1	1	1	1	2	10	1	1	20	30	20	
16. Zion Hill	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	20	20	

